

# Seeing the World like a Geographer

## Thematic Maps Activity

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1. Read 2.1 and 2.2 and complete the Geo-terms below.

Climate	
Economic Activity	
Physical Feature	
Population Density	
Vegetation	

### **Physical Map**

Study the physical map of Latin America on page 564. Use the map to answer the questions below.

- A. The different colors represent elevation changes. What height uses the color red? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What physical feature flows west to east across most of Brazil? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The highest land in South America is \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What height (In feet) are the Brazilian Highlands? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Political Maps**

Study the Political map of North America on page 559. The colors show different countries. Use the map to answer the questions below.

- A. Find the parts of Latin America and Asia that appear on the map. Why are these areas shown in a neutral color? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What are the two countries in North America? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What do the dashed lines on this map represent? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Draw the symbol used for a capital city below:

### **Climate Zone Maps**

Study the Climate zone map of Oceania and Antarctica on page 596. Use the map to answer the questions below.

- A. What is the main climate found throughout Australia? (Hint: If you do not know where Australia is, look at the political map to find where it is) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What is the main climate found throughout Antarctica? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How many different climates are found throughout Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What climate does the color red represent? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Vegetation Zone Maps**

Study the Vegetation zone map of the world on page 552-553. Use the map to answer the questions below.

- A. What is the main vegetation zone found along the equator? \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Name two vegetation's zones found near the north and South Pole? \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Name seven vegetation zone found in the United States?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - D. What vegetation zone is found in southwest China? \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\* Challenge question: What physical feature is there? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Population Density Maps**

Study the Population Density map of Monsoon Asia on page 592. Use the map to answer the questions below.

- A. What two colors represent the most crowded regions? \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. What do the different size dots represent on this map? \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. How would you describe the population density of Mongolia? \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\* Challenge question \*\* Why do you think that is? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What is the population density of Tokyo, Japan? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Economic Activity Maps**

Study the Economic Activity map of Africa on page 587. Use the map to answer the questions below.

- A. What do the colors on this map represent? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What do the symbols on this map represent? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. List 5 resources found in Africa. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Nomadic herders move their animals from place to place in search of water and grazing land. Compare the land use, vegetation zone and the physical features map. What vegetation zone exists where herds graze in the Sahara?

## **Challenge Activity - Mapping Lab**

1. Where in United States does this person live?

The state that I live in mainly has an elevation over 6,000 feet. Parts of my state have a semiarid climate and desert scrub vegetation. I work at a copper mine, but I have a cousin that raises livestock. My hometown is located near the Great Basin. What state so I live in?

Where in South Asia does this person live, and why do you think so?

The coastal areas of my country have over 250 people per square mile. Like many people here, I am a subsistence farmer. My cousin works for a manufacturing plant in a city, and my brother works in forestry. All of my country has an elevation that ranges below 1000 feet. Parts of my country are tropical while others are Humid Subtropical.