

C-NOTES: Tools of Geography

Essential Question:

How does geography influence the way people live?

GEOGRAPHY

- The study of the Earth, its natural features, its people, and the ways in which they interact.
- Geography studies: Landforms, water systems, climates, natural resources & human beings.

FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

- **LOCATION** | The position of a place on Earth
- **PLACE** | A geographic location and its physical or human characteristics
- **INTERACTION** | How the natural environment and humans affect each other
- **MOVEMENT** | The study of how and why people, things, and ideas move
- **REGIONS** | Areas that share common features or traits

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“LEMON PIZZA IN MY REFRIGERATOR”

LOCATION

- **RELATIVE LOCATION** | Where a place is compared to another place. (*Example: Sugar Land is southwest of Houston.*)
- **ABSOLUTE LOCATION** | The actual position of a place (latitude & longitude). (*Example: Sugar Land is located at 29.62° N, 95.63° W*)

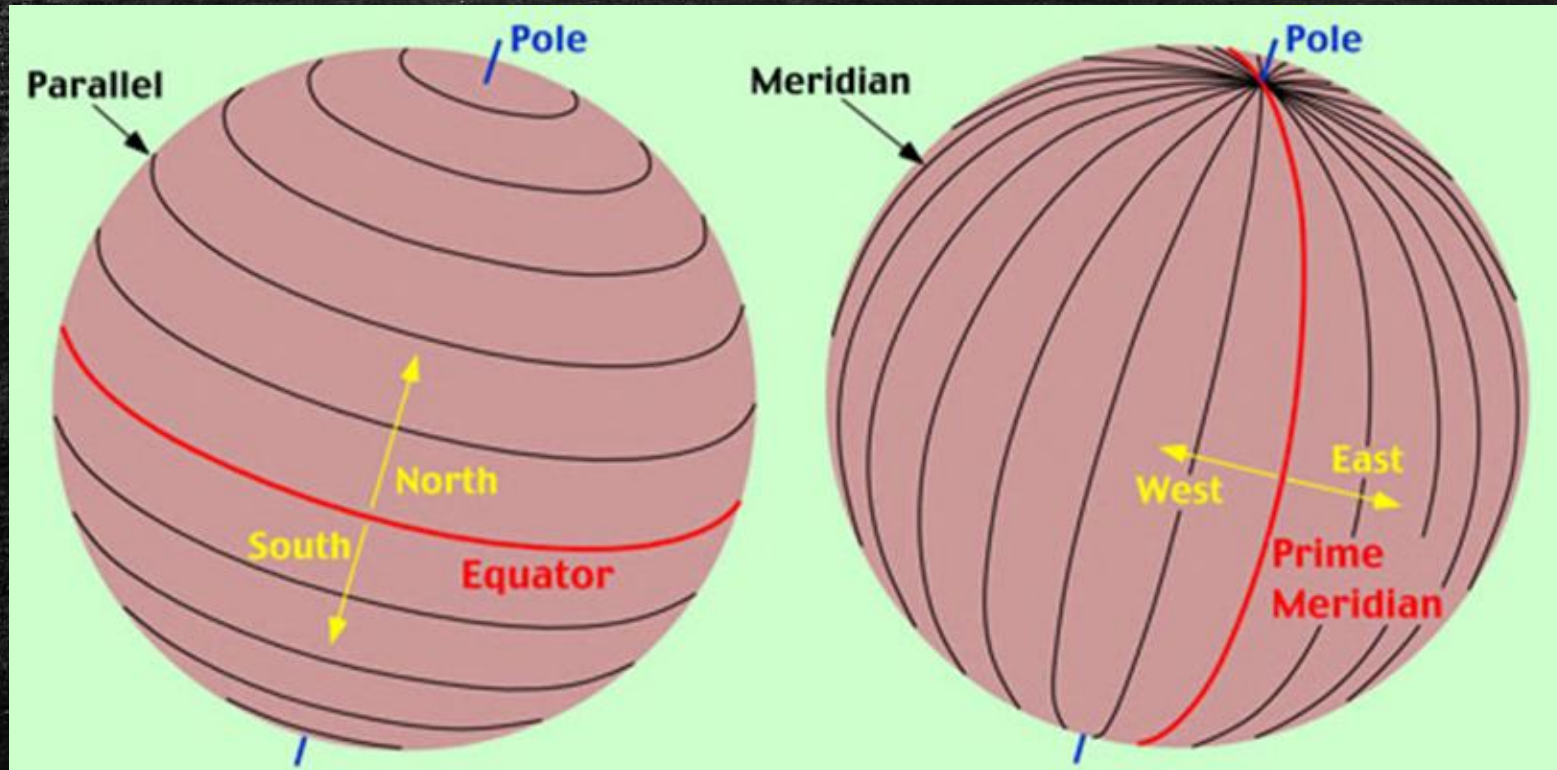
PLACE

- **URBAN** | Of or about the city
- **RURAL** | Of or about the countryside
- **LANDFORM** | A natural feature of the land
- **CLIMATE** | General weather pattern of a place over time

GLOBES

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE



Horizontal Lines | "FLAT-ITUDE"

Vertical Lines | "LONG-ITUDE"

MAPS

- **PHYSICAL MAPS** | Show the physical features of an area; use color and shading to show how flat or rugged the land is and show the height above sea level
- **POLITICAL MAPS** | Show Earth's man-made divisions, such as countries, states and cities; also show boundaries of these and other political entities
- **THEMATIC MAPS** | Show information on a specific subject, such as exploration routes, battle sites, population density, economic activities, or migration



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SUMMARY

(Answer the Essential Question in your own words.)