

# Geography

## To Know



## Terms

**Geography** is the study of physical places, human relationships, and the environment.

A **globe** is a spherical shape that depicts the relative relationship between different landmasses and includes landforms, topography, latitude & longitude, and the poles. Fun facts: the earth is actually an oblate spheroid and there are multiple poles.

**Cultural adaptation** describes people adjusting to changes in or a new natural or social environment such as w/ food, housing, tools, & medicine.

A **continent** is a large area of adjoining land on the surface of the earth typically surrounded by water. There are 7 continents that were once connected in a supercontinent called Pangea.

A **diaspora** is when people are dispersed from their homeland, often forced. Examples include the Irish diaspora after the Great Famine, 'Five Tribes' during the Trail of Tears, the African diaspora due to enslavement, and Jews and Muslims during the Spanish Inquisition.

First world map was created called Imago Mundi in Babylonia; over 2,000 years later, in 1507, America appears on a map

**6th c. BCE**



**1888**

National Geographic Society founded eventually expanding to a magazine and television network



**1916**

Sykes-Picot Agreement divides the Arab world into nation-states



**1984**

'Five Themes of Geography' created to facilitate K-12 geography education

## Dates

**2021**

Most recent update to Google Earth Timelapse of geographic areas from 1984, created in 2013

## People



**Amerigo Vespucci**



**Amelia Earhart**



**Carmen Sandiego**



**Henry Kissinger**



**Ptolemy**

**53%**

American participants average survey score for questions on geography, foreign policy & world demographics

**71%**

of the earth is covered in water



**32**

Member Countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) an intergovernmental military alliance

**138**

Countries who ratified the 2022 Nagoya Protocol that regulates bioprospecting and works to prevent biopiracy

## Stats

**67.6 Million**

United Kingdom (UK) population comprised of: England: 57.1 M  
Scotland: 5.4 M  
Wales: 3.1 M  
Northern Ireland: 1.9 M



## Values

Culture

Global Citizenship

Travel

Solidarity

It's a Small World

## Next Steps



Visit (virtually or in person) unique geographic locations & wonders of the world. Can't visit NY for example, check out the One World Trade Center Timelapse of its 11 year build out online.

Play games that help educate about geography such as the Oregon Trail II and GeoGuessr Online Games.

Learn about disasters that impact/are impacted by geography (e.g., volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, hurricanes, famines, pandemics, extreme climate effects).

Familiarize yourself w/ the meaning of terms like race, ethnicity, and nationality. Which are/are not geographic related? Don't let misunderstandings about geography cause you to label people incorrectly. Indian/Asian, Caribbean/African, Puerto Rican/American, for example, are often used incorrectly. When you don't know, do an online search (but don't rely on AI results).

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