

Illustrated Glossary

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basin



an area of lowland surrounded by higher land

border



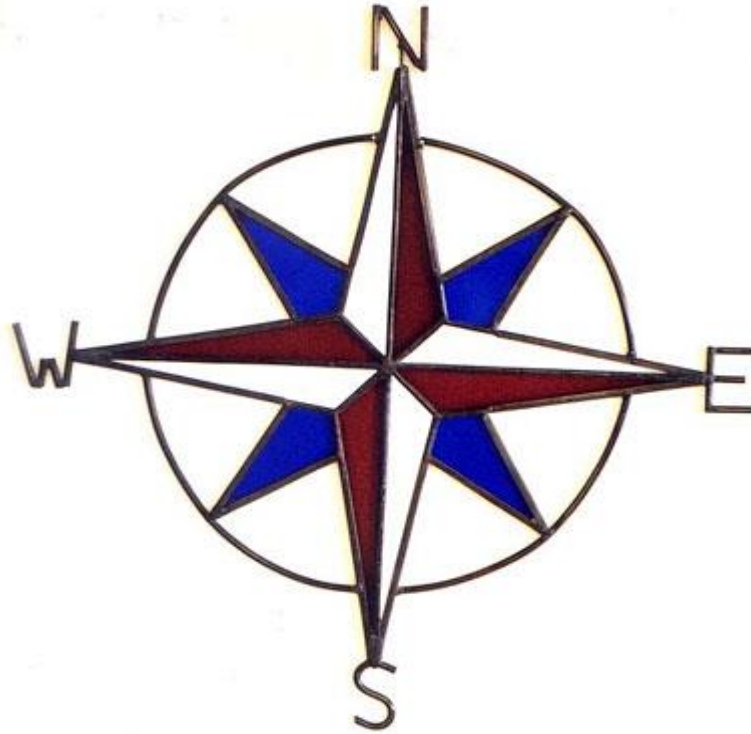
a boundary especially of a country or state

canyon



a narrow steep valley

Cardinal directions



North, South, East or
West

climate



the weather conditions of a particular place or region over the four seasons of the year

coastline



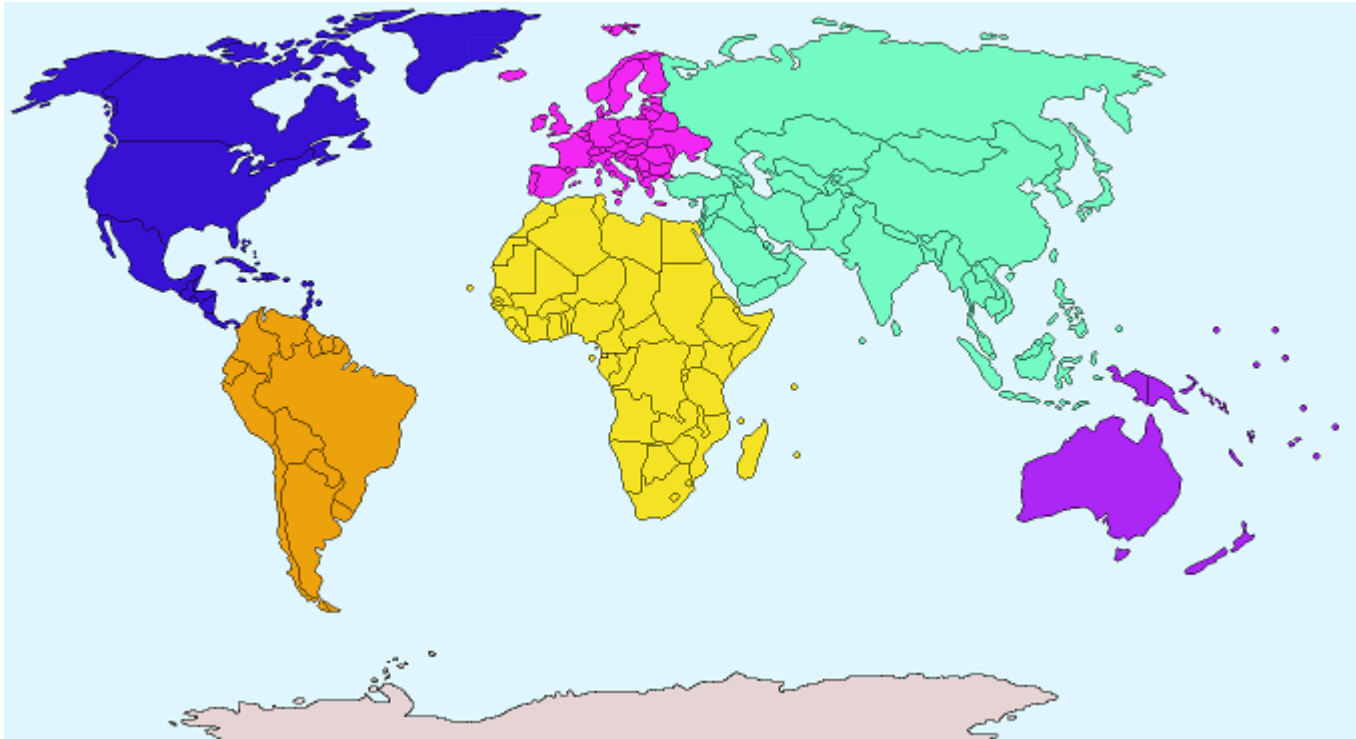
the outline or shape of the land along the
ocean

compass rose



a symbol that shows the directions -
north, south, east, and west

continent



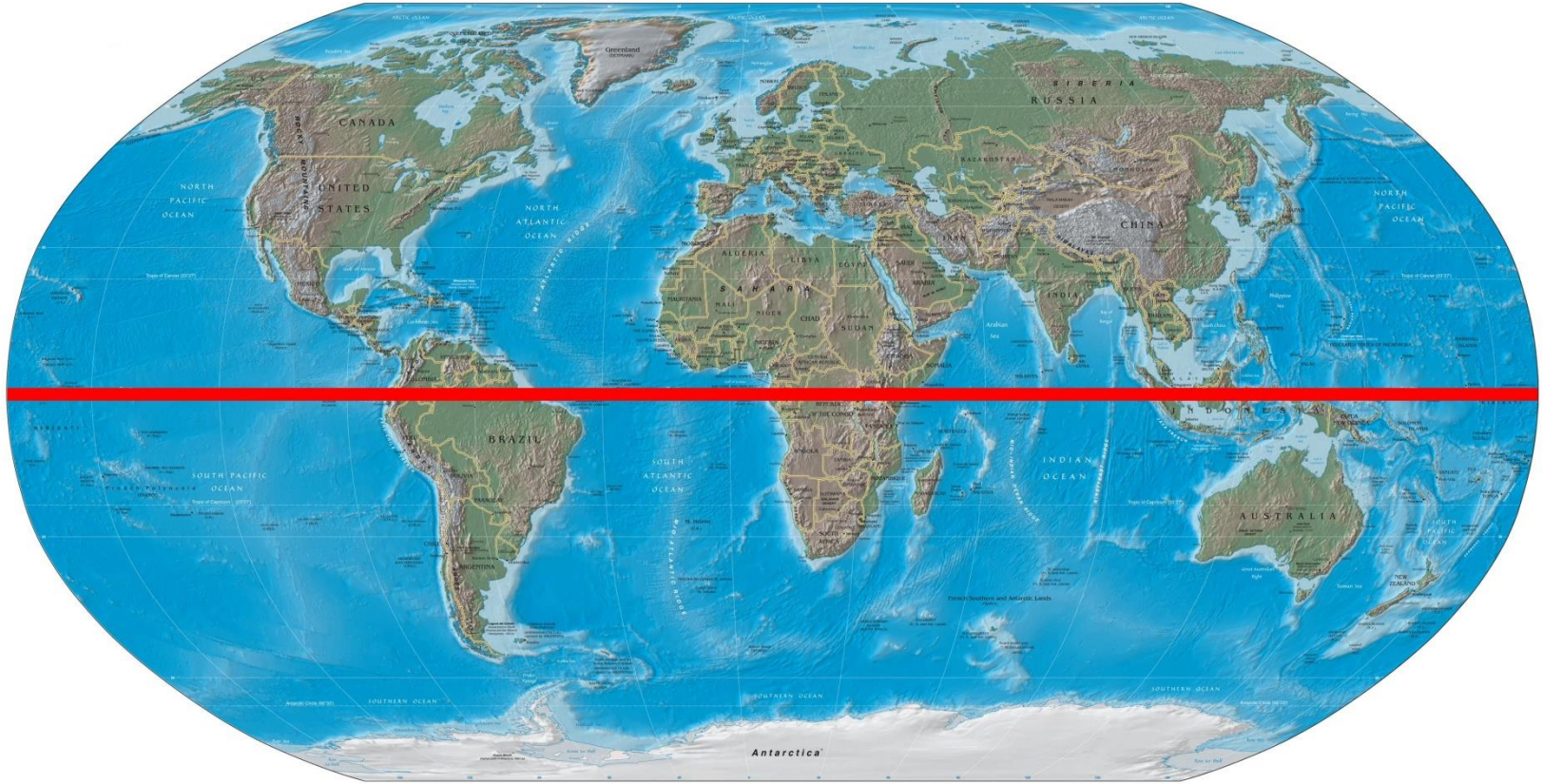
large land mass of which there are 7 on our planet

desert



a dry, sandy area, with few
plants and little rainfall

equator



an imaginary horizontal line that goes around the middle of the earth and is equally distant from the north pole and the south pole; the equator divides the earth into the northern and southern hemispheres

geography



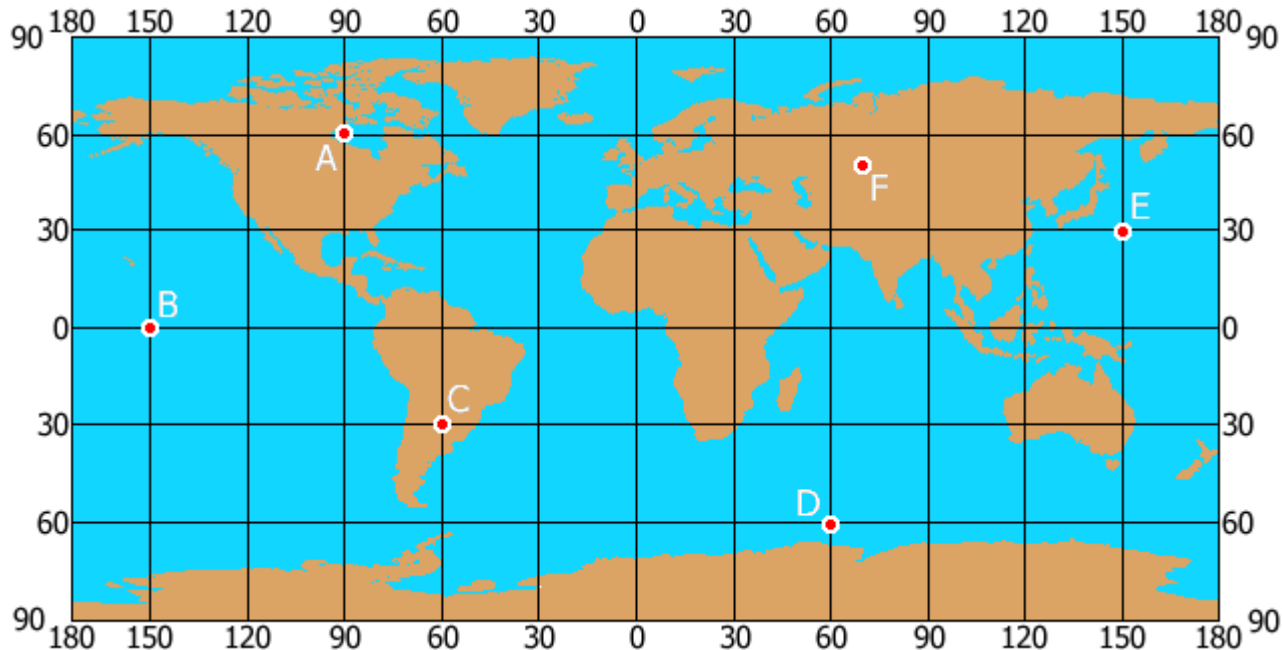
the physical features of earth and their location; the natural parts of an area; a science that deals with the location of living and nonliving things on earth and the way they affect one another

globe



a model of the Earth

grid



a network of horizontal and vertical lines
used to locate points or places

gulf



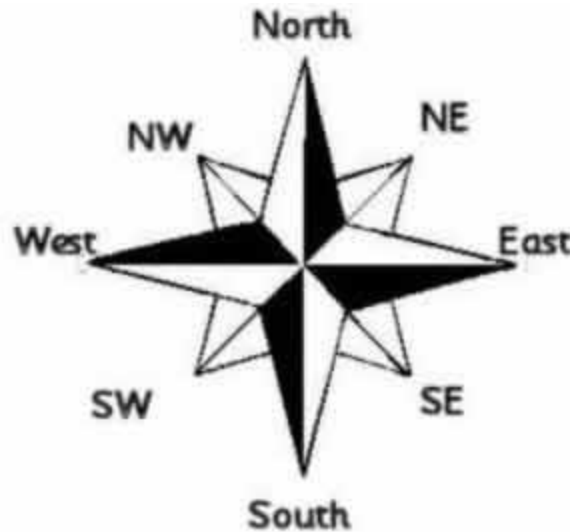
a part of the ocean that is partially
surrounded by land

hill



a rounded piece of earth that rises above the land
but is smaller than a mountain

Intermediate direction



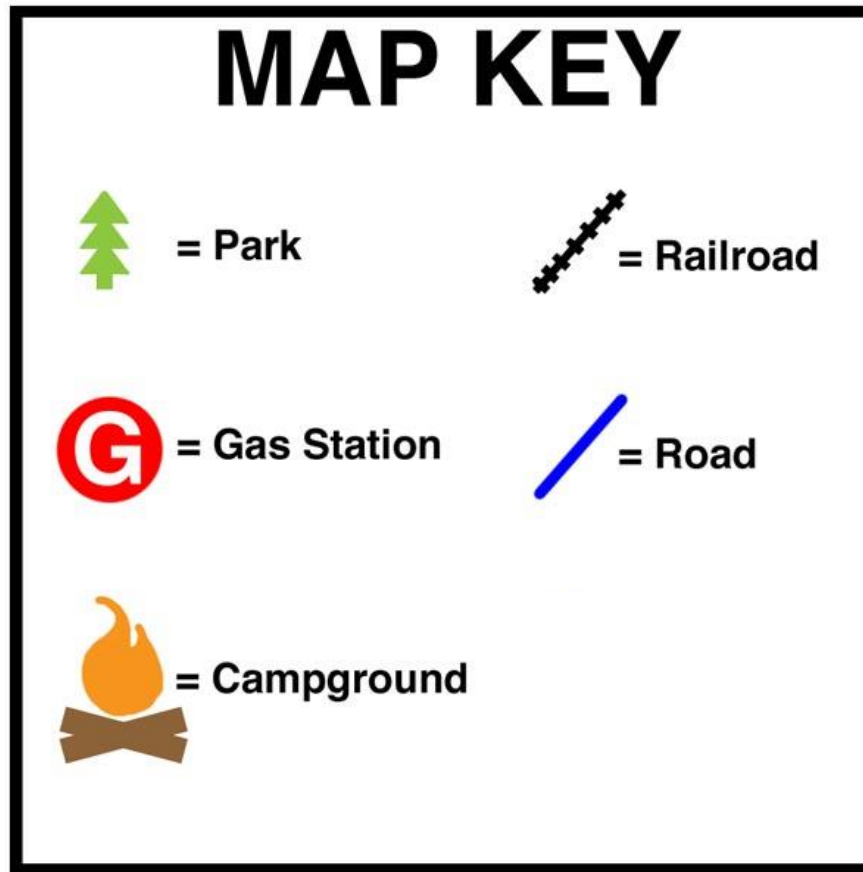
Northwest, Southwest, Northeast,
Southeast

island



a piece of land that has water all around
it

key/legend



tells what the symbols on the map stand
for

lake



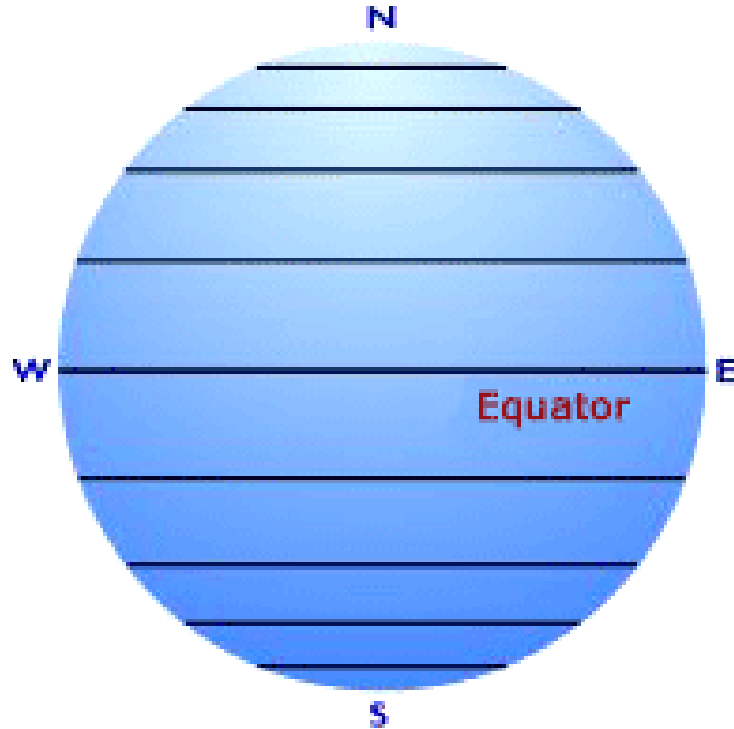
a body of salt or fresh water that is
surrounded by land

landform



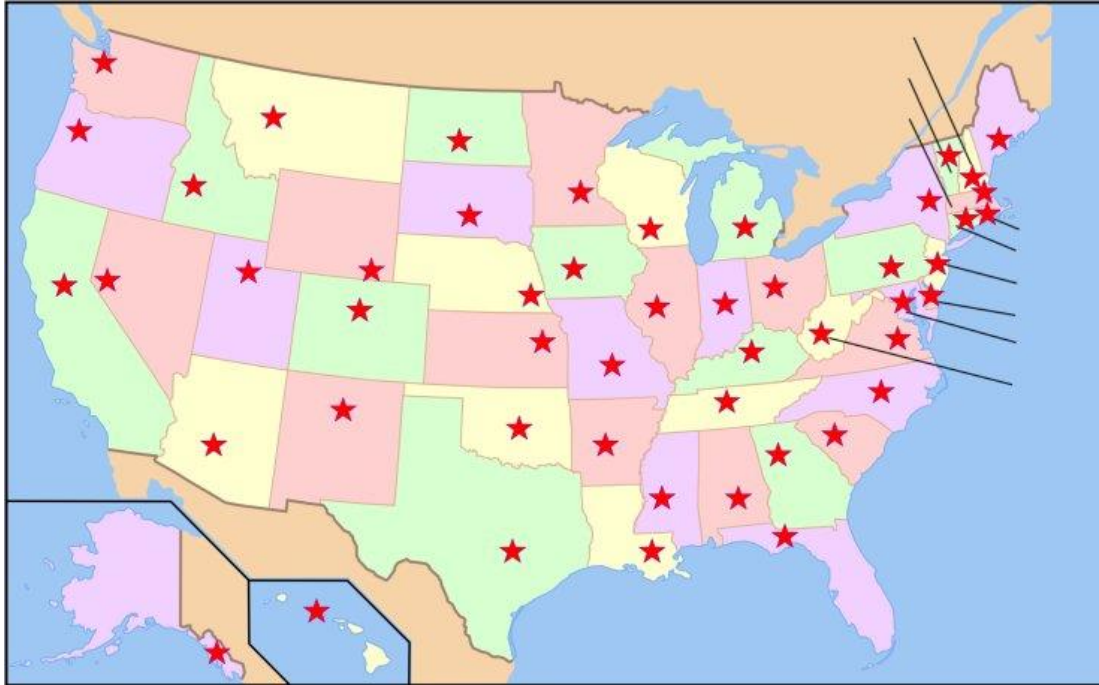
a natural area that is part of the earth's
surface

latitude



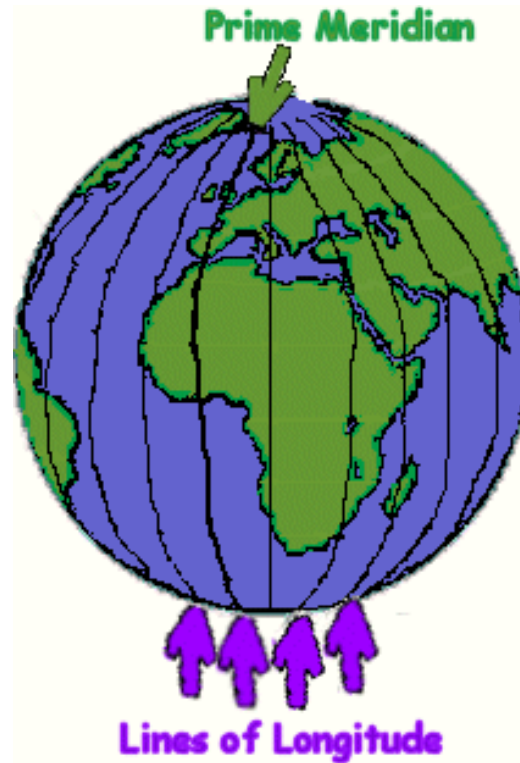
distance north or south from the equator
measured in degrees

location



the exact place, limit, or position of something

longitude



distance measured by degrees east or west
from the Prime Meridian

map



drawing or picture showing an area or where places are located; a bird's eye view of an area

mountain



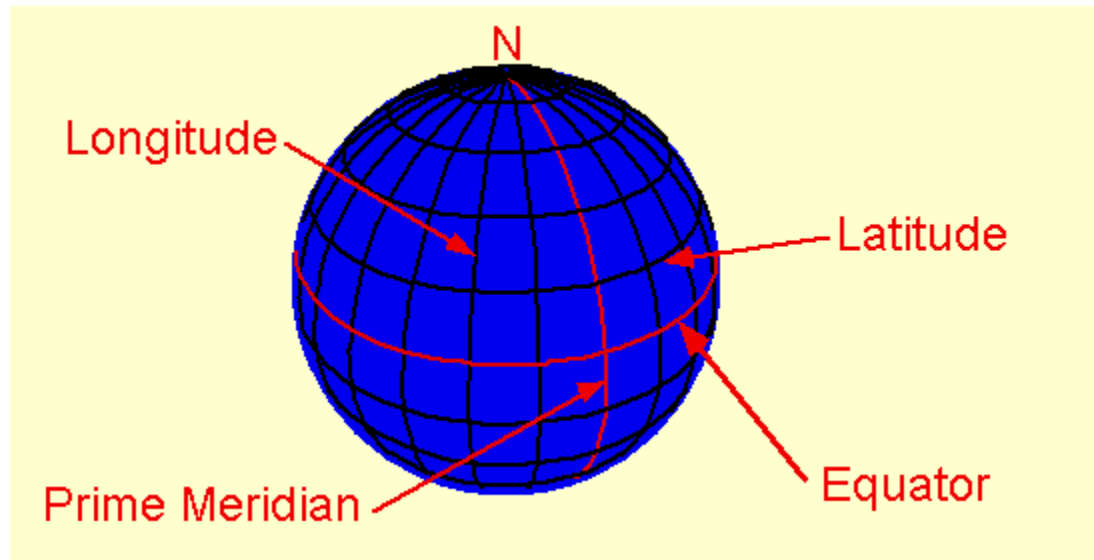
a large piece of earth or rock rising out of the land

ocean



a large body of salt water

parallels



lying or moving in the same direction but always the same distance apart; latitude or longitude lines

peninsula



POINT SAN PABLO PENINSULA
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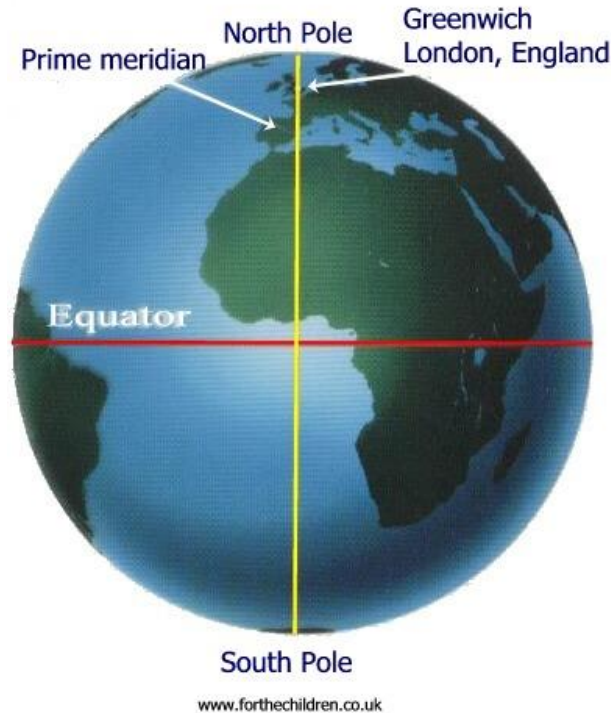
land surrounded by water on 3 sides

plains



low, flat areas, usually with few trees

Prime Meridian



the meridian of 0 degrees longitude from which other longitudes are calculated

region



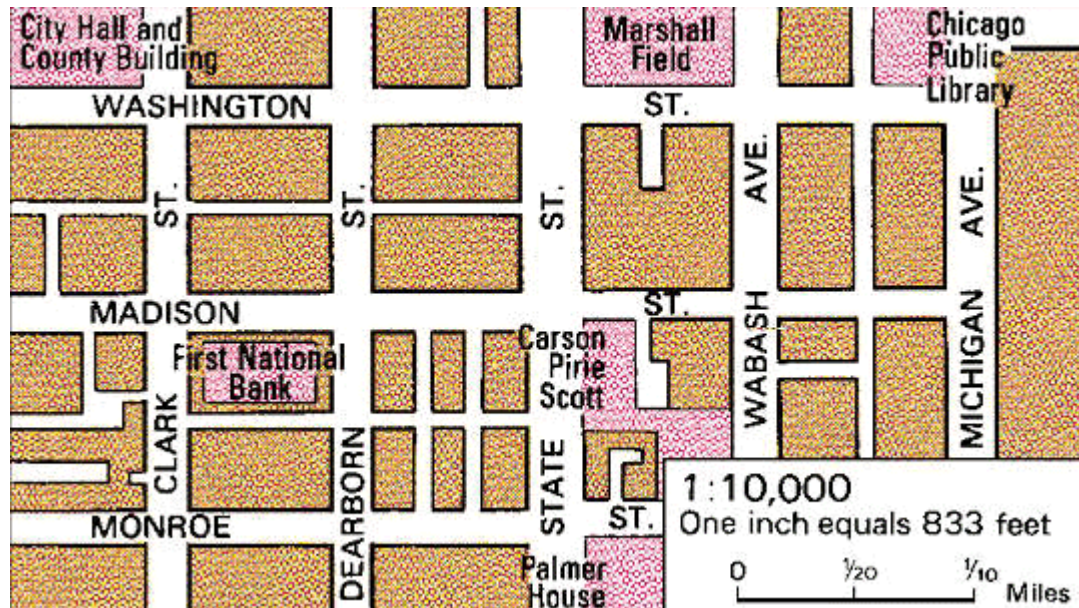
a part, portion, or area having no fixed boundaries

river



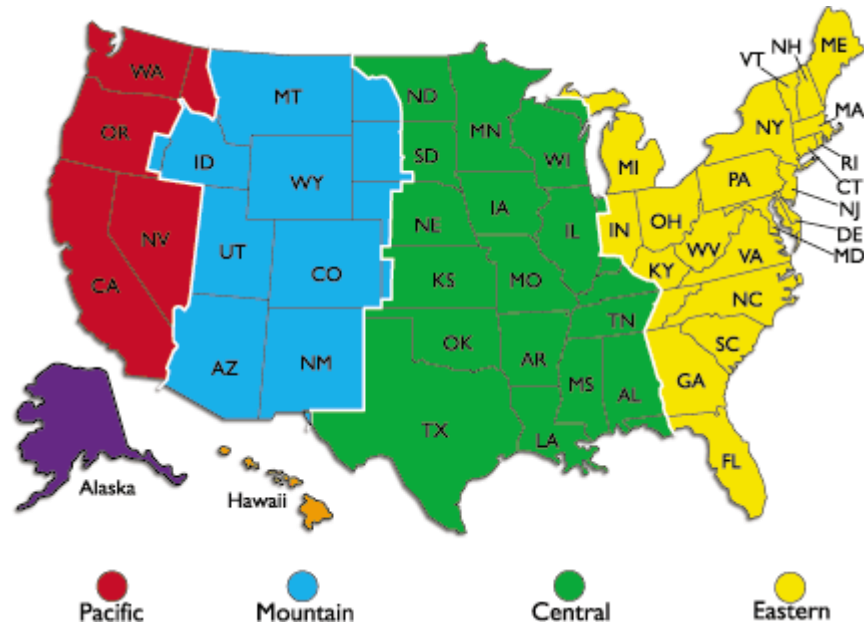
flow of water that goes to an ocean or lake

scale



A proportion from which one can determine the actual size of something

time zone



one of the 24 longitudinal divisions of the earth from which time is measured

valley



area of low land with mountains or hills on either side,
often having a river or stream along the bottom