

Social Studies
Study Guide for Chapter 2

Know the following terms and concepts:

*Latitude lines are imaginary lines that measure distance north and south of the equator.

*Longitude lines are imaginary lines that measure distance east and west of the prime meridian.

*These imaginary lines are used to find locations of places on Earth.

*Map makers often use colors to represent real features on maps and globes (for example, blue often stands for oceans and lakes...)

*Plateaus are high, flat landforms that rise steeply from the surrounding land.

*Know how to read a compass rose (both cardinal and intermediate directions).

* An inland region is an area of land that does not border an ocean.

Know the meanings of the following vocabulary words:

Equator: an imaginary line that divides the Earth into two halves

Scale: a tool on a map that is used to show actual distance

Hemisphere: half of a sphere

Intermediate directions: directions that lie halfway between two cardinal directions (example: northwest, southeast...)

Continent: a very large area of land (our Earth has 7)

Symbols: small drawings on a map that stand for something else (example: a drawing of a tent may mean a campground, a drawing of an airplane may mean an airport...)

Cardinal directions : North, South, East, and West are known as the cardinal directions

Map Key : the part of the map that explains the meaning of each symbol

Compass Rose : a small drawing on a map with lines that show directions