

First Grade “Geography” Assessment

- 1a. You live on the continent of _____, in the country of _____, and the state of _____.
- North America, United States, Colorado
 - Europe, England, London
- 1b. You live on the continent of _____ in the country of _____, the state of _____, and the community of _____.
- 1c. Name your continent, country, state, and community.
- Continent: _____
- Country: _____
- State: _____
- Community: _____
- 2a. Why do maps have keys or legends?
- To help you find your dog
 - To give you information about the map
- 2b. Why do maps have keys or legends?
- To help you find your dog.
 - To give you information about the map.
 - To open them up.
 - To determine which car to drive.
- 2c. Why do maps have keys or legends? Give three examples of symbols that might appear on a map key.
- _____
- _____
- _____
 - _____
 - _____
- 3a. The four directions found on a map are N _____, S _____, E _____, and W _____.
- 3b. What are the four directions found on a map?
- _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- 3c. Draw a simple compass rose with the four cardinal directions.

4a. The four major oceans are the P _____, the A _____, the A _____ and the I _____.

4b. Name the four major oceans.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

4c. Label the four major oceans on the map.



5a. Name the seven continents: North America, S _____ A _____, Europe, A _____, Australia, A _____, A _____.

5b. Label the seven continents on the map.



5c. Label the seven continents on the map and give three facts about one of the continents.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



6a. Which country is south of (below) the United States? Which country is north of (above) the United States?

6b. Label the country south of (below) the United States and the country north of (above) the United States on the map.



6c. Use cardinal directions to describe where Canada and Mexico are in relation to the United States.

7a. Put a letter C on the map where Central America can be found.



7b. Label Central America on the map.



7c. Label Central America on the map. Central America is a part of which continent?

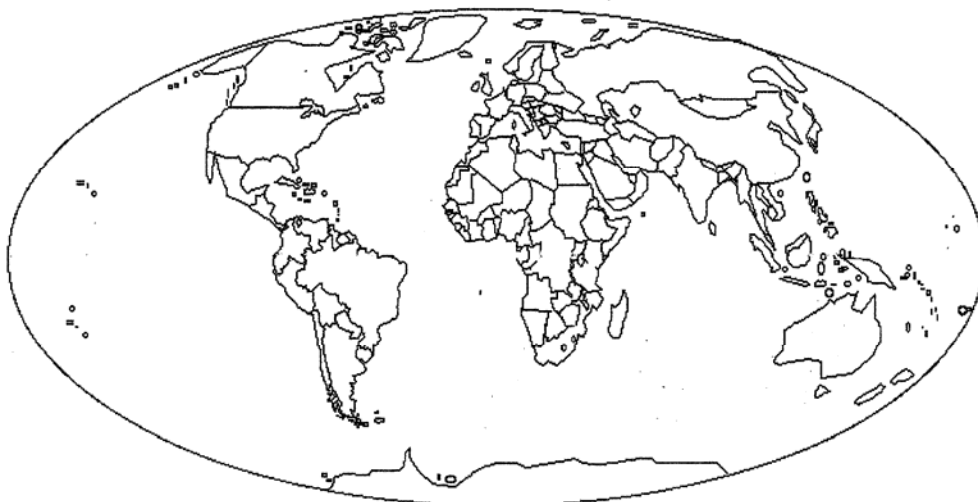


8a. What is the imaginary line around the middle of the Earth called?

- a. The line of latitude
- b. The Equator

8b. What is the imaginary line around the middle of the Earth?

8c. What is the imaginary line around the middle of the Earth? Draw it on the map. How is it important?



- 9a. The United States is located in the N_____ Hemisphere.
- 9b. The Northern and Southern halves of the earth are called H_____.
- 9c. What are the northern and southern halves of the earth called? Name two geographical places in each half.

- 10a. Label the North and South Poles on the map.



- 10b. Describe where the North and South Poles are located.

- 10c. The furthest point north on the Earth is called _____ and the furthest point south on the Earth is called _____. What is life like there?

- 11a. A peninsula is land surrounded by _____ on three sides.

- 11b. What is a peninsula?

11c. What is a peninsula? Label a peninsula on the map.



12a. What kind of transportation can be found in a harbor?

- a. trains
- b. boats

12b. What might be found in a harbor?

- a. trains
- b. cars
- c. boats
- d. bikes

12c. How is a harbor used?

13a. A bay is water that is surrounded by _____ on three sides.

13b. Locate a bay on the map.



13c. How is a bay different than a harbor?

14a. Label an island on the map.



14b. Describe an island.

14c. What island is both a country and a continent?

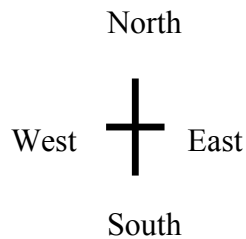
The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated:

All questions: Geography Standard 1.1. Students know how to use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

Questions 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 8c: Geography Standard 1.2. Students develop knowledge of Earth to locate people, places, and environments.

Answer Key

- 1a. a. North America, United States, Colorado
1b. North America, United States, Colorado, (your community-will vary depending on location)
1c. Continent: North America
Country: United States
State: Colorado
Community: your community-will vary depending on location
- 2a. b. To give you information about the map.
2b. b. To give you information about the map.
2c. Acceptable answers could include:
- To give you information about the map.
-rivers, mountains, capital cities, roads, railroads, forests, etc.
- 3a. North, South, East and West
3b. North, South, East and West
3c. Compass should be similar to the following:



- 4a. Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Indian.
4b. Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Indian
4c. See map for correct labeling.



- 5a. South America, Asia, Africa, Antarctica.

5b. See map for correct labeling.



5c. See map in 5b for correct labeling and accept any reasonable facts.

6a. Mexico; Canada

6b. See map for correct labeling.

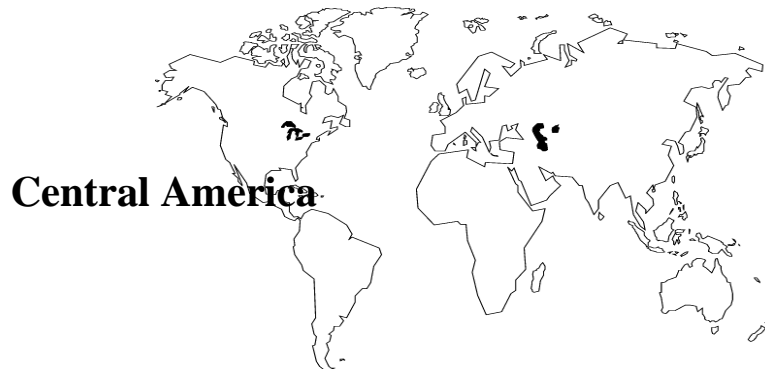


6c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Canada is above (or north of) the United States.
-Mexico is south of (below) the United States.

7a. See map below for correct labeling.



7b. See map below for correct labeling.



7c. See map in 7b for correct labeling.
Acceptable answers could include:
-Central America is part of North America.

8a. b. The Equator

8b. The Equator

8c. The Equator

See map below for correct labeling.

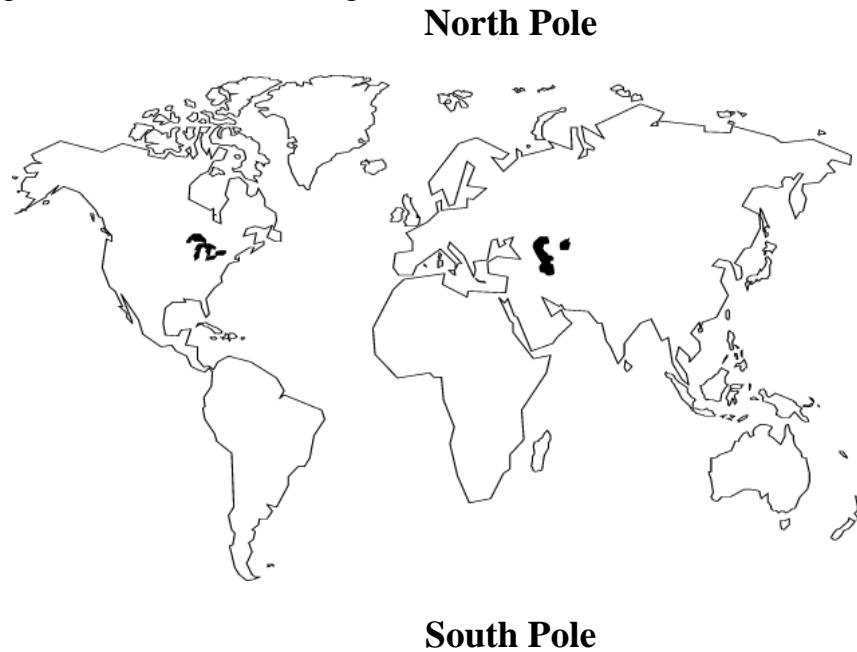
For part two, acceptable answers could include:

- it stays warm all year
- it never gets very cold
- there is sunshine all year
- the seasons do not change



- 9a. Northern
- 9b. Hemispheres
- 9c. See map at the bottom for correct labeling.
Accept any reasonable answers for part two.

10a. See map below for correct labeling.



- 10b. Acceptable answers could include:
 - The North Pole is at the top of the earth.
 - The South Pole is at the bottom of the earth.
- 10c. North Pole; South Pole
Acceptable answers could include:
 - life is very cold
 - it never gets very warm
 - there is very little sun during the winter and very little darkness during the summer
- 11a. water
- 11b. Land that is surrounded by water on three sides.
- 11c. Land that is surrounded by water on three sides.
Accept any peninsula.
- 12a. b. boats
- 12b. c. boats
- 12c. Acceptable answers could include:
 - a harbor is used for keeping boats
- 13a. land
- 13b. Accept any bay.

- 13c. Acceptable answers could include:
-a bay may also be a harbor if it is used for docking boats. However, most bays are not used for docking boats, so they are not harbors.
- 14a. Accept any island.
14b. An island is land that is completely surrounded by water.
14c. Australia