

Second 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. How is a map key used?
- To help you find your dog.
 - It uses symbols to give you information about a map.
- 2b. Why do maps have keys?
- _____
- _____
- 2c. Make a key for the map for a mountain range. Add the Rocky Mountains to your map.
- _____
- _____
- 3a. The four directions found on a map are N _____, S _____, E _____, and W _____.
- 3b. Label the cardinal directions on the map.



- 3c. Draw a simple compass rose with the four cardinal directions and the four intermediate directions for the map.



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

- 4b. List and label the four major oceans.



- 4c. List the four major oceans. Describe how oceans and lakes are different.

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 name two countries in four of the continents.



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 where Central America can be found.



7b. Label Central America.



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



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

- 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. What is the weather like around this area?



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.



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

10c. Describe where the North and South Poles are located. What is life like at the North and South Poles?

11a. A coast is land that runs along the _____.

- a. mountains
- b. water

11b. Describe a coast.

11c. Describe a coast. Label a coast on the map and describe typical activities along the coast.



12a. What is a valley?

- a. The highest point of land in an area.
- b. The low point land between hills or mountains.

12b. What is a valley?

- a. The highest point of land in an area.
- b. The low point of land between hills or mountains.
- c. Land surrounded by water on three sides.
- d. Land that runs along the water.

12c. Where would you find a valley in Colorado?

13a. A prairie is a large area of _____.

- a. grassy land
- b. mountainous land

13b. Describe a prairie.

13c. What kind of wild life might be found on an American prairie?

14a. A _____ is a large dry area of land with very little rain.

- a. desert
- b. prairie

14b. Why is it difficult to grow crops in the desert?

14c. Compare a desert and a prairie.

15a. A(n) _____ is a place in the desert where water can be found.

- a. island
- b. oasis

15b. What is an oasis?

- a. An area of land with very little water.
- b. Land where no animals can live.
- c. Land that is surrounded by water on all sides.
- d. A fertile area of land in a desert.

15c. Why are plants able to grow in an oasis, but not a desert?

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. It uses symbols to give you information about a map.
- 2b. Acceptable answers could include:
-Maps have keys to give information about what can be found on the map.
- 2c. See map for correct labeling.
- 3a. North, South, East and West
- 3b. See map for correct labeling.
- 3c. See map for correct labeling.
- 4a. Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Indian.
- 4b. Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Indian.
See map below for correct labeling.



- 4c. Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Indian.
Acceptable answers could include:
-oceans are salt water and lakes are fresh water
-lakes are smaller than oceans, lakes are surrounded by land and oceans are not
- 5a. South America, Asia, Africa, Antarctica.

5b. See map below for correct labeling.



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

6a. Mexico; Canada

6b. See map below for correct labeling.

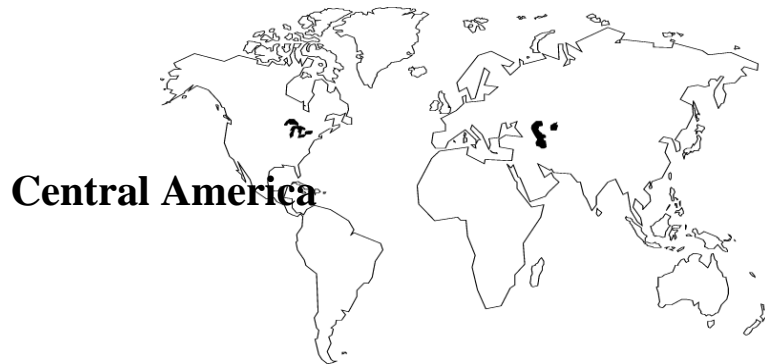


6c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Canada is above (or north of) the United States.
-Mexico is south of (below) the United States.

7a. See map below for correct labeling.



7b. See map below for correct labeling.



7c. See map in 7b for correct labeling.
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

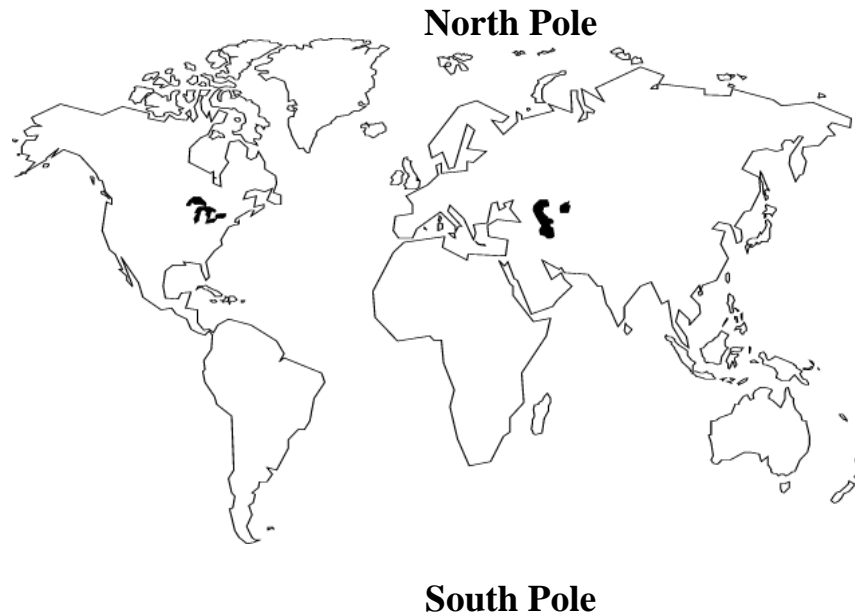
-there is sunshine all year

-the seasons do not change



- 9a. Northern
- 9b. Hemispheres
- 9c. Northern and Southern Hemispheres. 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. Acceptable answers could include:
 - the North Pole is at the top of the earth
 - the South Pole is at the bottom of the earth
 - 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. b. water
- 11b. Acceptable answers could include:
 - a coast is land that runs along the ocean.
- 11c. Accept any coast.
 - Acceptable answers for part two could include:
 - a coast is land that runs along the ocean.
 - boating, fishing, surfing, swimming, etc.
- 12a. b. The low point land between hills or mountains.
- 12b. b. The low point land between hills or mountains.

- 12c. Acceptable answers could include:
-in the mountains
-in the foothills, etc.
- 13a. a. grassy land
- 13b. Acceptable answers could include:
-a large area of grassy land
- 13c. Acceptable answers could include:
-buffalo, prairie dogs, deer, etc.
- 14a. a. desert
- 14b. Acceptable answers could include:
-there is not enough rain
-the land is too dry
- 14c. Acceptable answers could include:
-a desert is dry and not good for growing very many plants
-a prairie has lots of grass and other plants
- 15a. b. oasis
- 15b. d. A fertile area of land in a desert.
- 15c. Acceptable answers could include:
-an oasis is fertile
-plants grow easily in an oasis
-the desert is too dry for plants to grow easily