

One Day Geography



Understanding how people lived in the past is much easier if we understand how their environment affected them. Today, you will learn the basics of geography – the study of land and environments.

Assignment: Answer the following questions in full sentences on your own paper and be prepared for discussion.

Part 1: Consider Your Environment (Answer these questions on your own paper)

1. Imagine your parents are coming to see Mrs. McGregor to give her coffee for being awesome ☺. Explain to them in a few sentences the location of this classroom on campus.
2. What are some of the benefits (good things) about the location of this room? (Consider distance to cafeteria, buses or restroom, amount of outside noise, etc.)
3. What are some of the disadvantages (bad things) about the location of this room? (Consider distance to cafeteria, buses or restroom, amount of outside noise, etc.)
4. Think about the way the classroom is set up. Why do you think the desks are arranged the way they are?

Part 2: Consider the World

5. Read pages 6 and 7 in your atlas. Define the terms latitude and longitude.
6. What is the name of the line at 0 degrees latitude?
7. Using the maps on the inside front cover, which continents are in the western hemisphere?
8. Which continents are in the eastern hemisphere?
9. Look at the map on p.39 in the atlas. About what latitude and longitude is Rosedale?

Part 3: Consider Maps

10. Read page 6. Define the term scale.
11. On the map on p. 18 what does the color orange show?
12. Using the scale on the map on p. 89, identify the approx. elevation above sea level for Hyderabad, India.
13. Which direction is usually, but not always, at the top of a map?

Part 4: Your Questions

14. What is something you still don't know or something you still want to know about geography or maps?