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STUDY GUIDE

STUDY GUIDE: World Geography, Part 1

This study guide is a very general overview of the world. Later guides will deal in depth with specific continents, countries, and vocabulary.

OCEANS:

There are four oceans on the Earth, which take up about 2/3 of the Earth's surface. The oceans are named below from largest to smallest in size.

- 1. Pacific Ocean
- 2. Atlantic Ocean
- 3. Indian Ocean
- 4. Arctic Ocean

The Pacific Ocean is also the deepest ocean, with an average depth of 12,925 feet. The Indian Ocean follows it with a depth of 1,598 feet. The Arctic Ocean is the shallowest.

The deepest SINGLE SPOT in all the oceans is the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean, which is 36,178 feet below sea level.

CONTINENTS:

The largest pieces of land are called continents. There are 7 continents in the world.

CONTINENTS ACCORDING TO SIZE
(from largest to smallest in land area)

- 1. Asia
- 2. Africa
- 3. North America
- 4. South America
- 5. Antarctica
- 6. Europe
- 7. Australia

CONTINENTS ACCORDING TO POPULATION
(from most people to fewest)

- 1. Asia
- 2. Europe
- 3. Africa
- 4. North America
- 5. South America
- 6. Australia
- 7. Antarctica

ISLANDS:

Islands are bodies of land that are surrounded on all sides by water. Here is a listing of the 8 LARGEST ISLANDS IN THE WORLD, LISTED FROM LARGEST IN LAND AREA TO SMALLEST. To help locate each island on a map, the continent to which it is associated is also given.

1. Greenland (North America)
2. New Guinea (Asia)
3. Kalimantan (Asia)
4. Madagascar (Africa)
5. Baffin (North America)
6. Sumatera (Asia)
7. Honshu (Asia)
8. Great Britain (Europe)

Actually, Australia is an island and is larger than Greenland, but since it is a continent, it is not classified as the largest island.

LAKES:

Lakes are bodies of water that are completely surrounded by land. They have no outlet to the Sea. Below are a list of the LARGEST LAKES IN THE WORLD IN ORDER OF THEIR AREA.

1. Caspian Sea (Asia-Europe) Although called a sea, it's really a lake.
2. Lake Superior (North America)
3. Lake Victoria (Africa)
4. Lake Huron (North America)
5. Lake Michigan (North America)
6. Aral Sea (Asia)
7. Lake Tanganyika (Africa)
8. Lake Baykal (Asia)

THE CASPIAN SEA IS A SALTWATER LAKE! THE VOLGA RIVER EMPTIES INTO THE CASPIAN SEA!

RIVERS:

Below is a list of the LONGEST RIVERS IN THE WORLD, from longest to shortest. The source of the river is where the river begins, and the mouth of the river is the place where the waters of the river empty into a larger body of water. The source and mouth are also given for each river.

<u>RIVER</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MOUTH</u>
1. Nile River	Lake Victoria in Africa	Mediterranean Sea
2. Amazon River	Glacier fed lakes in Peru	Atlantic Ocean
3. Mississippi-Missouri	The Missouri starts in Red Rock, Montana. The Missi- ssippi begins at Lake Itasca in Minnesota.	Gulf of Mexico
4. Yangtze	Kunlin Mountains	China Sea
5. Ob	Altai Mountains in Russia	Gulf of Ob
6. Huang Ho (Yellow River)	Kunlin Mountains in China	Yellow Sea

Although the Nile River is the LONGEST RIVER in the world, it does not carry the largest volume of water. The Amazon River in South America has much more water than the Nile River.

DESERTS:

A desert is an area that receives little precipitation and has little plant cover. Not all deserts are hot. Many polar areas are considered deserts because their plant growth is locked within ice and snow. The Atacama Desert in Chile is located near cold ocean currents that cool the air and prevent precipitation. This desert is the driest desert in the world.

Below is a list of well-known deserts listed according to size, from largest in area to smallest. Their area in square miles is also listed, as well as their general location.

<u>DESERT</u>	<u>AREA IN SQ. MILES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Sahara	3,500,000	North Africa
2. Gobi	500,000	Mongolia, China
3. Rub al-Khali	250,000	S. Saudi Arabia
4. Kalahari	225,000	South Africa

5. Great Australian	1/2 the continent	Australia
6. Gibson Desert	120,000	Australia
7. Kyzyl Kum	100,000	Uzbekistan
8. Sonoran	70,000	California, New Mexico, and Arizona
9. Atacama	70,000	Chile
10. Mojave	15,000	California
11. Painted Desert	7,000	Arizona
12. Death Valley	3,000	California

MOUNTAIN PEAKS:

Below is a list of the WORLD'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN PEAKS, listed in order from tallest to shortest. The name of the mountain range in which the peak is located is also given, as well as a general location.

<u>MOUNTAIN PEAK</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>GENERAL LOCATION</u>
1. Mt. Everest	Himalayas	Nepal; China
2. K2 (Godwin Austen)	Karakoram	Kashmir
3. Kanchenjunga	Himalayas	Nepal; India
4. Lhotse	Himalayas	Nepal; China
5. Dhaulagiri	Himalays	Nepal

Ten of the eleven highest mountain peaks are found in the Himalyas!

Below is a list of the HIGHEST MOUNTAIN PEAK LOCATED ON EACH INDIVIDUAL CONTINENT.

<u>CONTINENT</u>	<u>HIGHEST PEAK</u>	<u>GENERAL LOCATION</u>
1. Asia	Mt. Everest	Tibet and Nepal
2. Europe	Mt. Elbrus	Russia
3. North America	Mt. McKinley	Alaska

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| 4. South America | Mt. Aconcagua | Argentina |
| 5. Africa | Mt. Kilimanjaro | Tanzania |
| 6. Australia | Mt. Kosciusko | New South Wales |
| 7. Antarctica | Vinson Massif | |

Below is a list of the LOWEST POINT ON EACH INDIVIDUAL CONTINENT.

<u>CONTINENT</u>	<u>LOWEST POINT</u>	<u>GENERAL LOCATION</u>
1. Asia	Dead Sea	Israel, Jordan
2. Europe	Caspian Sea	Russia
3. North America	Death Valley	California
4. South America	Valdes Peninsula	Argentina
5. Africa	Lake Assai	Djibouti
6. Australia	Lake Eyre	Australia
7. Antarctica	Not Known	

LARGEST CITIES IN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO POPULATION:

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| 1. Tokyo, Japan | 25,800,000 |
| 2. Sao Paulo, Brazil | 19,200,000 |
| 3. New York City, U.S. | 16,200,000 |
| 4. Mexico City, Mexico | 15,300,000 |
| 5. Shanghai, China | 14,100,000 |
| 6. Bombay, India | 13,300,000 |
| 7. Los Angeles, U.S. | 11,900,000 |
| 8. Buenos Aires,
Argentina | 11,800,000 |

CENTRAL AMERICA is the name given to the 7 countries located between Mexico and South America. The countries that are considered part of Central America are:

1. Belize

2. Guatemala
3. Honduras
4. El Salvador
5. Nicaragua
6. Costa Rica
7. Panama

Did you know that the country of TURKEY, IS THE ONLY COUNTRY TO BE LOCATED ON TWO DIFFERENT CONTINENTS? Ninety-seven percent of the country is in Asia, but the other three percent is in Europe.

Can you answer these other world geography trivia questions?

1. Into how many time zones is the Earth divided? 24
2. Where is the world's largest tropical rain forest located?
Around the Amazon River in South America
3. What sea is located east of Central America and north of South America? Caribbean Sea
4. Our country is divided into states. What political divisions are used in Canada? Provinces
5. What country owns Greenland, the largest island in the world?
Denmark
6. What narrow body of water separates Russia from Alaska?
Bering Strait
7. Name the 3 South American countries through which the equator passes. Ecuador Columbia Brazil
8. Name the 6 African countries through which the equator passes.
Gabon Congo Zaire Uganda Kenya Somalia
9. What place receives more rain per year than any other place in the world? Mt. Waialeale, Hawaii (with 460 inches per year)
10. What place is the driest place in the world?
Arica, Chile, in the Atacama Desert (.02 inches per year)