

World Maps and Landforms

Name: _____

DIRECTIONS: For each image below, do the following:

1. Read the text next to the picture. It will tell you something important about what you're looking for.
2. Find the picture on one of the maps in the room. It must match the picture on your sheet exactly.
3. When you find the picture on a map, write the Letter Clue for that map on your sheet in the blank.
4. When you have found all the letter clues, write them in the corresponding blanks in the Secret Code section.
For example, if the letter clue you found for 1 was 'G', write the letter 'G' in the (01) blank

SECRET CODE KEY

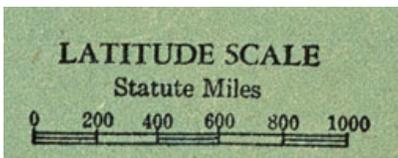
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Section One: Important Parts of Maps

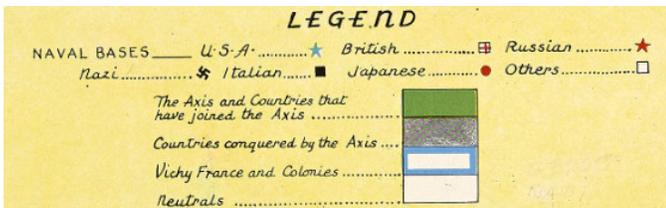
1. Letter Clue: _____



MAP SCALES show how big the area on a map is in real life. Find this picture of a scale

from a map about airplane routes. (Hint: airplanes were not invented until the 1900s).

2. Letter Clue: _____



A lot of times, maps will have a **KEY** or a **LEGEND**, which says what the symbols on the map mean. Find this key on a map made during World War 2. (Hint: World War 2 lasted from 1939-1945).

3. Letter Clue: _____

Many maps have a **COMPASS ROSE**, which shows where north, south, east, and west are on the map. North has the biggest arrow. (Hint: this compass rose is on a map with many crisscrossing straight lines, called rhumb lines).



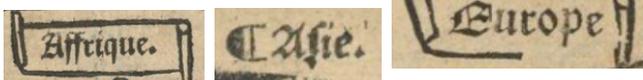
4. Letter Clue: _____



Maps of large areas often have lines showing how far north or south a place is (**LATITUDE**) and how far east or west a place is (**LONGITUDE**). (Hint: this map was made a long time ago when it was common to include windheads, which represent the Twelve Winds of classical mythology).

Section Two: The Earth's Continents

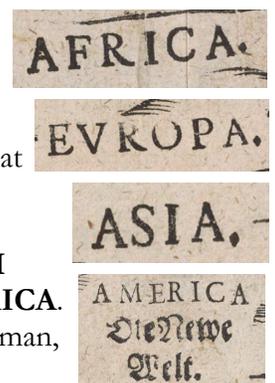
5. Letter Clue: _____



Geographers split the world's big lands into **CONTINENTS**. Now we have seven continents, but **before** the 1500s, geographers only knew of three continents. (Hint: this map is so old that it is written in Old French.)

6. Letter Clue: _____

After Europeans knew of the New World, geographers taught that there were four continents. They had not yet decided that America should be separated into **NORTH AMERICA** and **SOUTH AMERICA**. (Hint: Parts of this map are in German, so look for the curly-cue lettering).



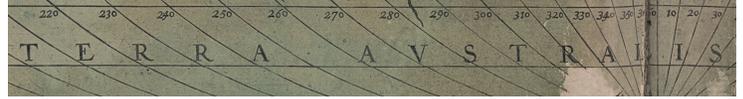
7. Letter Clue: _____

AUSTRALIA was the second-to-last continent to be explored by Europeans. For a long time, maps only showed the western coast of Australia, because the other side had not been explored. (Hint: this map was made after the first Europeans landed on Australia in 1606, but before they mapped the east coast in 1770).



8. Letter Clue: _____

Geographers guessed that there was a southern continent long before anyone found **ANTARCTICA**. They called it "**TERRA AUSTRALIS INCOGNITA**" meaning Unknown Southern Land. (Hint: a lot of world maps from the 1500s and 1600s include Terra Australis Incognita at the South Pole).



Section Three: The Earth's Oceans

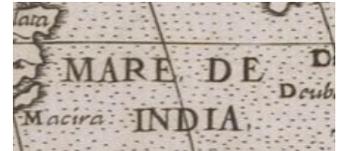
9. Letter Clue: _____

The ocean separating Asia and North America is called the **PACIFIC OCEAN**. This map was made during World War 1. (Hint: World War 1 lasted from 1914-1918).



11. Letter Clue: _____

The ocean found between Asia and Africa is the **INDIAN OCEAN**. Many maps from the 1500s and 1600s label it "Mare de India," Latin for "Sea of India." (Hint: Latin is often used on maps from the 1500-1600s).



12. Letter Clue: _____

The last two oceans are the **ARCTIC OCEAN** and the **ANTARCTIC OCEAN**, also called Southern Ocean. (Hint: this map has the Americas in the center rather than to the left of the map).



10. Letter Clue: _____

The ocean closest to Maine is the **ATLANTIC OCEAN**. Find this on a map from World War 2. (Hint: World War 2 lasted from 1939-1945).



Section Four: Landform Vocabulary

13. Letter Clue: _____

A **LAKE** is a body of water that is surrounded by land. The most famous U.S. lakes are the Great Lakes: Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, & Lake Superior. (Hint: This map was made during World War 2, which took place from 1939-1945).



15. Letter Clue: _____

A **GULF** is the opposite of a peninsula. It's a body of water that is attached to an ocean, but is mostly surrounded by land, such as the Gulf of Mexico. Sometimes small gulfs are called **BAYS**. (Hint: this map is shaped like two circles.)



16. Letter Clue: _____

A **RIVER** is a flowing stream of water. It can flow into a lake, another river, or the ocean. A **CANAL** is a manmade river. Find the map that shows the Yangtze River in China. (Hint: this is a Japanese map).



14. Letter Clue: _____

A **PENINSULA** is a piece of land that is attached to a continent, but is mostly surrounded by water. A good example of a peninsula is the Kamchatka Peninsula in Northeast Asia. (Hint: this map was made so that it could be cut out and folded into a 20-sided globe).



17. Letter Clue: _____

An **ISLAND** is a piece of land surrounded by water. People used to think that California was an island. (Hint: this map shows California at the far right of the map rather than the far left.)

