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TEACHERS

Introduction to Geography and Map Skills Homework Assignment

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Due Date: _____

Introduction to Geography

Welcome to Geography and Map Skills. Geography is the study of the Earth's physical features, human populations, and the ways in which people interact with the environment. In this homework assignment, you will learn about the basic concepts of geography and develop your map skills. This assignment is designed to take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete.

Activity 1 - Introduction to Geography

Write a short paragraph (about 100-150 words) explaining what geography is and why it is important in everyday life. Consider how geography affects your daily routines, the environment, and global issues.

List and briefly describe the two main branches of geography:

1. **Physical Geography:** _____
2. **Human Geography:** _____

Provide an example of each:

- **Physical Geography:** _____
- **Human Geography:** _____

Activity 2 - Map Skills

Identify and label the following components on a world map:

1. **Legend:** _____
2. **Scale:** _____
3. **Title:** _____
4. **Compass Rose:** _____
5. **Grid Lines:** _____

Explain the purpose of each component in one sentence:

1. **Legend:** _____
2. **Scale:** _____
3. **Title:** _____
4. **Compass Rose:** _____
5. **Grid Lines:** _____

Choose 5 countries from different continents and identify them on the map. Write down their capitals and a notable geographical feature (e.g., mountain, river, desert) for each country:

	Country	Capital	Geographical Feature
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

Activity 3 - Real-World Connections

Find a recent news article that involves a geographical issue (e.g., natural disaster, environmental concern, border dispute). Summarize the article in 150-200 words and explain how it relates to the concepts of geography.

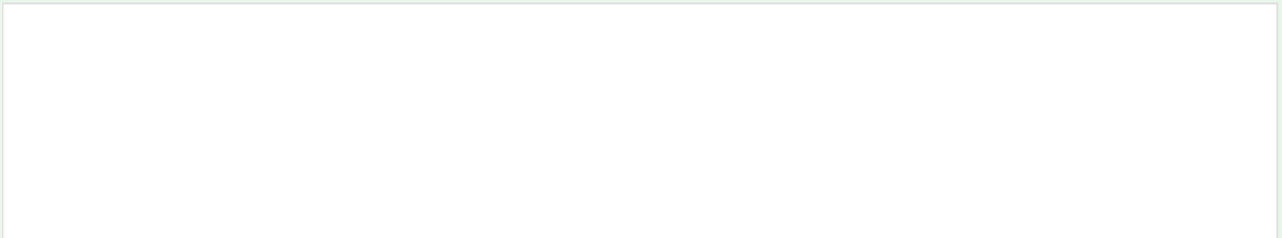
Reflect on how geography impacts your personal life. Write about a time when understanding geography helped you or someone you know. This could be related to travel, understanding weather patterns, or appreciating cultural diversity.

Extension Activities

Create a simple map of your school or neighborhood, including key landmarks and geographical features. Label the map components as learned in Activity 2.



Research and write about a career that heavily involves geography, such as a geologist, cartographer, or environmental scientist. Discuss how geographical knowledge is applied in this career.



Success Criteria

To successfully complete this assignment, ensure you:

- Have completed all activities in the main section.
- Have provided thoughtful and accurate responses.
- Have included all required elements in your map skills activity.
- Have submitted your work on time and in the required format.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the Introduction to Geography and Map Skills homework assignment! Remember to submit your work to your teacher for feedback and to ask questions if you need help understanding any part of the assignment.