

Geography Basic Map/Location Skills

Section 1: Which of the “Five Themes of Geography” do each of these statements most closely fit?

- 1) The area I live in has tall bluffs, many trees, and is near the Mississippi River. _____
- 2) Winona’s active lumber industry used the Mississippi River as a “highway” to move logs. The logging industry was very important to Winona’s economy. _____
- 3) Walnut Grove, MN, is located in the tall grass prairie. It is very flat there, and there are very few native trees except along waterways. _____
- 4) Janet lives at 1132 Broadway Ave., St. Paul, MN. _____
- 5) Because the tall grass prairie is very flat, and that region receives a good amount of rain, farming is an important part of their local economy. Most people in that area are employed in an ag-related job. _____

Section 2: Know your map vocabulary.

- 1) East-west lines used on a map to find location: _____
- 2) North-south lines used on a map to find location: _____
- 3) Because the world is not flat, map makers use different _____ to present the Earth on a flat map. (This means all maps have a certain amount of distortion.)
- 4) The directional indicator on a map that shows which way is north is called a: _____
- 5) The imaginary line of latitude that circles the center of the globe is the: _____
- 6) The imaginary line of longitude that circles the center of the globe is the: _____

Section 3: Do map work.

- 1) Using the maps on pgs. 16-17, what is the most common use of land in Nevada? _____
- 2) Using the maps on pgs. 16-17, how much rain does Minnesota get each year? _____
- 3) Using the maps on pgs. 16-17, what is the climate in Florida? _____
- 4) Using the graphs on pg. 19, which city usually gets at least 2” of rain each month? _____
- 5) Using the graphs on pg. 19, which city has the driest summers? _____
- 6) Using the map on pg. 20, which region was controlled by Portugal in the 1700s? _____