

CELEBRATE GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

GET LOST IN MAPPING: FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE WORLD



Join National Geographic in celebrating Geography Awareness Week, November 15-21, 2009. Visit GeographyAwarenessWeek.org for activities, games, lesson plans, and—of course—maps that help put your world in perspective.

CARTOGRAPHY

WHERE ART AND SCIENCE COLLIDE

Cartographers, or mapmakers, have been creating maps for thousands of years. They combine art with science to create resources that help answer questions about the world around us. Use the outlines below to help complete this quiz, and remember—they may look like islands on this page, but we're all connected!

1. Monte Alban, once a center of Zapotec culture, is located in Oaxaca, one of the southernmost states in what country?
2. Le Havre, a port city in Normandy, was heavily bombed during World War II, but was rebuilt and named a World Heritage Site in 2005. In which country is this city located?
3. A marae is a sacred meeting space for the Maori people of which country, where the majority of the population lives on the North Island?
4. Desmond Tutu spoke out against apartheid and separatist policies in what African country that held open elections for the first time in 1994?
5. Kanchenjunga, one of the tallest mountains in the world, is located on the border between Nepal and a country with over 15 official regional languages. Name this country.
6. What country, located on the Anatolian Peninsula, has a secular government and more than 90 percent of the population is Muslim? Name this country.



Quiz Answers
1. Mexico, 2. France, 3. New Zealand, 4. South Africa, 5. India, 6. Turkey
Crossword Answers
Across: 2. Rome, 4. Globe, 6. South Pole, 7. Cartography, 10. Longitude, 11. Elevation, 12. Spain, 14. Latitude, 15. Time zone
Down: 1. Compass, 3. Map, 5. Coordinates, 8. Legend, 9. Sea level, 11. Equator, 13. Nile

 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
Education

© 2009 National Geographic Society



MAP WORDS

Directions: Use the numbered clues to fill in geography terms and place names. Remember, only one letter fits in each square and there are no spaces between words!

ACROSS

2. You can still see the ruins of a mighty empire in this capital city of Italy.
4. A 3-D representation of the earth.
6. The southernmost point on Earth... no one lives here permanently, it's much too cold!
7. The science and art of making maps.
10. A measure of how far east or west you are from the Prime Meridian, which is an imaginary line that runs from pole to pole and goes through Greenwich, England. It's also the opposite of 14 Across.
11. The height above sea level.
12. Madrid is the capital and largest city in this European country.
14. A measure of how far north or south you are from the Equator. It's also the opposite of 10 Across.
15. A geographic region where it is always the same time throughout the region. The contiguous 48 United States have four of these regions.

DOWN

1. A device that uses a magnetic needle to tell you which direction (North, South, East, or West) you are facing.
3. A representation of a certain geographic area in picture form. It's also the theme of this activity page!
5. A set of numbers or letters identifying a spot on a grid. In math class, this set may be (x, y). Latitude and longitude are also examples.
8. Also sometimes called a "key," a list or explanation of the symbols on a map.
9. The height of the surface of the world's oceans. A place's elevation is usually measured from this point.
11. An imaginary line circling the Earth that divides the world into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. At most elevations, it is very warm year-round at this line.
13. This river in Africa is the longest in the world and runs 4,241 miles, with its delta in Egypt!

Definitions adapted from Merriam-Webster.com