

# GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY

**Directions:** Read the news article on geographic literacy. As you read, think about the questions below and how you might answer them. Annotate the article by circling words you don't know (and looking them up), underlining important information, or jotting down thoughts or questions that come to mind. Then, answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. Do you think it is important for us to understand geography? Why?
2. Why do you think many American students have such a poor knowledge of geography?
3. Why do you think many don't care that they have such a poor knowledge of geography?
4. What do you think schools can do differently to improve geographic literacy among students?
5. How long ago was this article written? Since then, do you think things have gotten better, gotten worse, or remained mostly the same? Explain.