

**Quaestio:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Geographic Literacy

## Why Study Geography?

- Geography = study of Earth's \_\_\_\_\_, peoples, places and environments, and the relationships between them (literally means " \_\_\_\_\_ about the world")
- Geographic \_\_\_\_\_ = the ability to use geographic understanding and geographic \_\_\_\_\_ to make decisions

## Visualize Your World in \_\_\_\_\_ Terms

- Without geographic literacy, you are basically \_\_\_\_\_ to whatever is not immediately around you.
- Knowledge of geography enables you to develop a sense of where you are and where everything and everyone else is, to recognize and appreciate different places and \_\_\_\_\_, and to understand the many ways the world is connected, which are essential skills in our age of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ex: \_\_\_\_\_ of Iraq, Distance between New York and Ireland, the geographic and cultural meaning of "South Asia"

## Put Current Events in Context

- News stories are almost always associated with a location. Geographic literacy will allow you to understand where events are happening and why they matter.
- Ex: Ethnic Cleansing of minority \_\_\_\_\_ population in Western Myanmar, Closer ties developing between Russia and Iran, Extreme weather events causing massive \_\_\_\_\_ in Florida

## Chart the Course of History

- Historical events happen \_\_\_\_\_ they happen for a reason. Understanding relative location, climate zones, population \_\_\_\_\_, and interaction with the \_\_\_\_\_ will help you recognize those connections immediately.
- Ex: Italy as center of the Roman Empire and the Italian \_\_\_\_\_, the practice of nomadic \_\_\_\_\_ in Central Asia

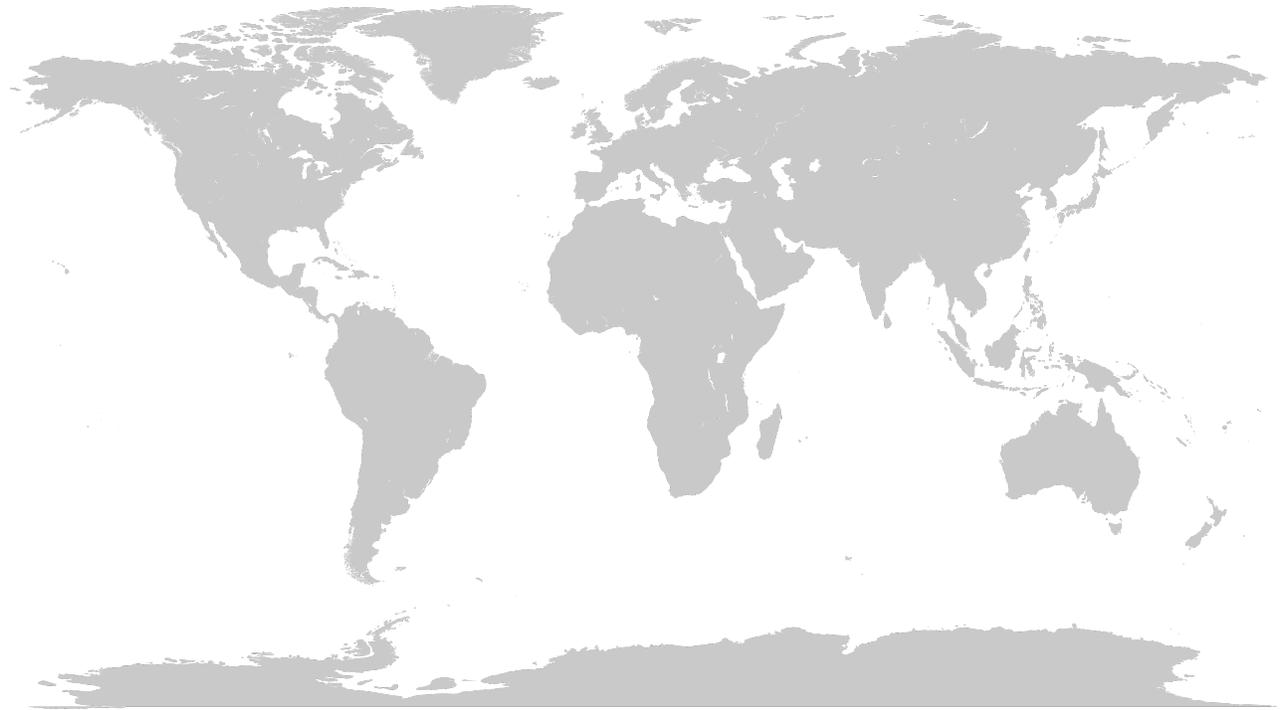
## Recognize and \_\_\_\_\_ Changes to the World

- Just as the world has changed throughout history, it continues to change today, and will continue to change in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Understanding geography will allow you to recognize those changes when they happen and respond accordingly as well as \_\_\_\_\_ for changes to come.
- Ex: New nation of \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011, Disappearance of \_\_\_\_\_ 1960-2014

## Create a Healthier, Safer, \_\_\_\_\_ World

- Understanding the way we interact with our \_\_\_\_\_ is essential to preserving our natural resources and combating global \_\_\_\_\_
- Understanding other regions, peoples, and cultures helps us to appreciate our differences and recognize our \_\_\_\_\_, leading to less fear and conflict and more \_\_\_\_\_ relations between people

# Continents & Oceans



## World Regions



## Summary & Assessment

What were **three** key pieces of information you learned in today's lesson?

What are **two** examples of why it is important to be geographically literate?

What is **one** question you still have related to today's topic?