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And Other Geographic Features!

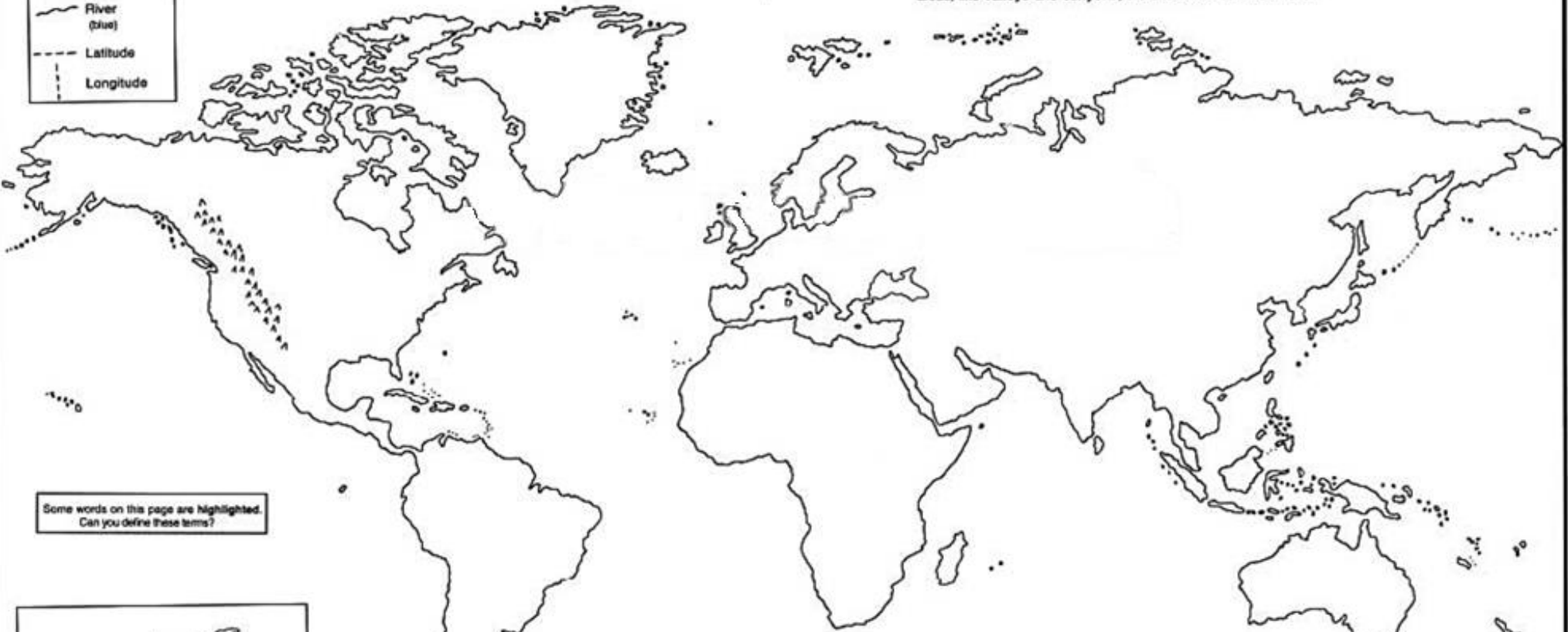
Welcome to the World! This simple map shows the outlines of the seven continents. The continents are all large masses of land, some **connected**, some **isolated**. For instance, **Asia** and **Europe** share one large mass of land. **Australia** and **Antarctica** are isolated pieces of land.

The continents are surrounded by huge areas of salt water called **oceans**. There are four major ocean areas, all connected. These large oceans contain smaller divisions, such as **seas**, **gulfs**, **bays**, or **inlets**. Fresh water **lakes** and **rivers** lie within or run through the continents.

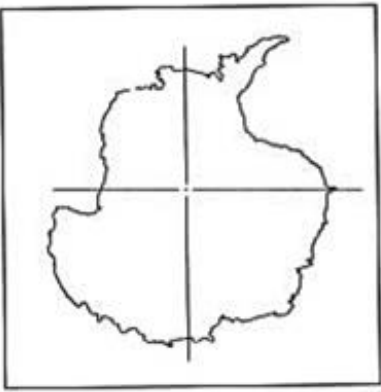
The earth's surface is very irregular, not smooth like a ball. The shape and features of the land are called **topography**. For instance, **mountain** areas are high in **altitude**. Lower areas, like **valleys** and **canyons**, are close to or below sea level.

MAP KEY

-  Mountains (Brown or green)
-  River (blue)
-  Latitude
-  Longitude



Some words on this page are highlighted. Can you define these terms?

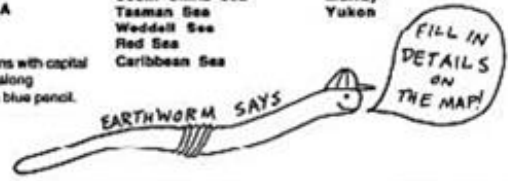


Antarctica is located at the South Pole. It is very difficult to show it on a flat map along with the rest of the continents. Antarctica is often shown in an inset, like this, as if you were looking at it from directly above.

EARTHWORM'S MAP ACTIVITIES

Fit in the following details on this map. Be neat when labeling—use a sharp pencil. Try to write small, always print. When coloring your map, you'll find that colored pencils work better than markers or crayons. Show details of the land by using different symbols. See the Map Key for symbols.

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| <p>CONTINENTS
Label the continents with capital letters.</p> <p>NORTH AMERICA
SOUTH AMERICA
AFRICA
EUROPE
ASIA
AUSTRALIA
ANTARCTICA</p> <p>OCEANS
Label the oceans with capital letters. Shade along coastlines with blue pencil.</p> <p>ATLANTIC
PACIFIC
ARCTIC
INDIAN</p> | <p>BAYS AND SEAS
Label these smaller sections of ocean.</p> <p>Hudson Bay
Gulf of Mexico
North Sea
Arabian Sea
Bay of Bengal
South China Sea
Tasman Sea
Weddell Sea
Red Sea
Caribbean Sea</p> | <p>RIVERS
Draw in and label these rivers. Add other rivers if you like.</p> <p>Mississippi
Amazon
Nile
Volga
Yangtze
Murray
Yukon</p> | <p>MOUNTAIN RANGES
The Rocky Mountains have been drawn in already. Draw in and label these other mountain ranges.</p> <p>Appalachians
Andes
Atlas
Alps
Himalayas
Ural
Great Dividing Range
Transantarctic</p> | <p>OTHER GEOGRAPHIC DETAILS
Draw in and label the following.</p> <p>Equator
Tropic of Cancer
Tropic of Capricorn
Prime Meridian
South Pole</p> |
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DECORATION
To add a decorative touch to your map, color the following.

Continent title
Earthworm (our mascot)
Compass Rose
Add North, South, East and West to the points of the Compass Rose.

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