GEOGRAPHY HANDBOOK QUESTIONS

Directions: Skim and read pp. 2-19 of your Social Studies Textbook (The Geography Handbook) to find the answers to the following questions. Glue these sheets into your notebook on facing pages, date the entry and write the answers on the sheets.

1. What are the six regions of the United States? Northwest, West, Southwest, Southeast, Northeast, Midwest.

In which region do we live? Northwest

2. What are three main types of maps that geographers use? What is shown on each type of map?

A. Political maps show boundaries of countries, states etc.

B. Physical maps show natural, physical features and systems of the earth

C. Historical maps show former boundaries, sites of battles, changes that have happened over time

3. Explain in your own words what function each of the following serves in terms of reading a map:

Lines- show roads, rivers, boundaries

Symbols- show cities, special features, sites of events

Scale- show how distance on the map converts to distance in the real world

Colors- show political units, elevation and water depth, vegetation etc

Legend/Key- tells what the symbols, colors and lines mean on this map

4. What are lines of longitude? imaginary vertical lines on a map for measuring distance

What is another name for these lines? meridians of longitude

What do they measure and which way do they run? meridians of longitude measure distance east and west of the Prime Meridian and are drawn north and south on the map

What are lines of latitude? imaginary horizontal lines drawn on a map for measuring distance
What is another name for these lines? *parallels of latitude*

What do lines of latitude measure and which way do they run? *parallels of latitude are drawn east and west but measure distance north and south of the equator*

5. What is a hemisphere? *half of the globe*

Name all the hemispheres on Earth. *Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western*

In which hemisphere(s) do we live? *We live in the Northern and Western*

6. What is the purpose of a map projection? *To show a curved surface of the globe on a flat surface.*

7. Define climate: *the main weather conditions and patterns in an area over a long period of time*

Give three examples of different climates and tell in which region you might find each

*Answers will vary by student.*

8. How many species and subspecies of plants and vegetation grow in the U.S.? How many are trees?

*20,000-25,000 species and subspecies of plants and vegetation grow in the US. Of those over 1,000 are different types of trees.*

9. What are three ways you interact with your environment on a daily basis?

*Answers will vary by student*

10. What are some ways humans have impacted the environment positively or negatively?

*Positive: Answers will vary by student*

*Negative: Answers will vary by student*

11. What are some reasons that people move from place to place? *In the past people moved in search of food; Today people move for economic opportunity, jobs, cost of living, climate.*