**Geography Unit Vocabulary**

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| Compass Rose | It tells the direction on a map. |
| Legend | Describes the key characteristics of a map. Identifies what the symbols and/or colors on the map mean. |
| Scale | The proportionate size on a map. Tells how distances are represented on the map. |
| Title | Describes the map's purpose such as a political or physical map. |
| Political Map | Shows where the borders of countries are located. Often shows capital cities, major cities, large lakes and major rivers. |
| Physical Map | Provides a picture of the physical features of a location. |
| Thematic (or Special Purpose) Maps | These maps focus on a special topic, such as climate, resources or population. Information may be shown with colors or symbols. |
| Absolute Location | Location that has specific identifiers (Such as: longitude and latitude, a street address). |
| Relative Location | The location of a place in relation to other places around it. |
| Latitude | The distance north or south of the Equator and measured in degrees. |
| Longitude | The distance east or west of the Prime Meridian and measured in degrees. |
| Movement | The transfer of goods, people, and/or ideas from place to place. |
| Migration | The physical movement of humans from one place to another. |
| Immigration | The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country. |
| Emigration | The act of leaving one’s own country to live permanently in another. |
| Human-Environment Interaction | The relationship between societies and their environmental surroundings. This can be positive or negative. |
| Place | Every geographic location has certain physical and human characteristics. |
| Physical Features | Natural features of the Earth’s surface such as landforms and bodies of water. |
| Culture | The set of beliefs, values and practices that a group of people have in common. |
| Region | A large, continuous part of the Earth with common characteristics. |
| Agriculture | The practice of farming |
| Neolithic Revolution | The change from a lifestyle of hunting and gathering to one of agriculture and settlement. |
| Diversity | A range of different things |
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