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Weeks 1-2: Geographic Terms

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Review orally with teacher Geographic Terms using the *Glossary of Geographic (and Other Big) Words* at the end of this worktext and pp. 368-375 of *The Usborne Geography Encyclopedia with Complete World Atlas*.

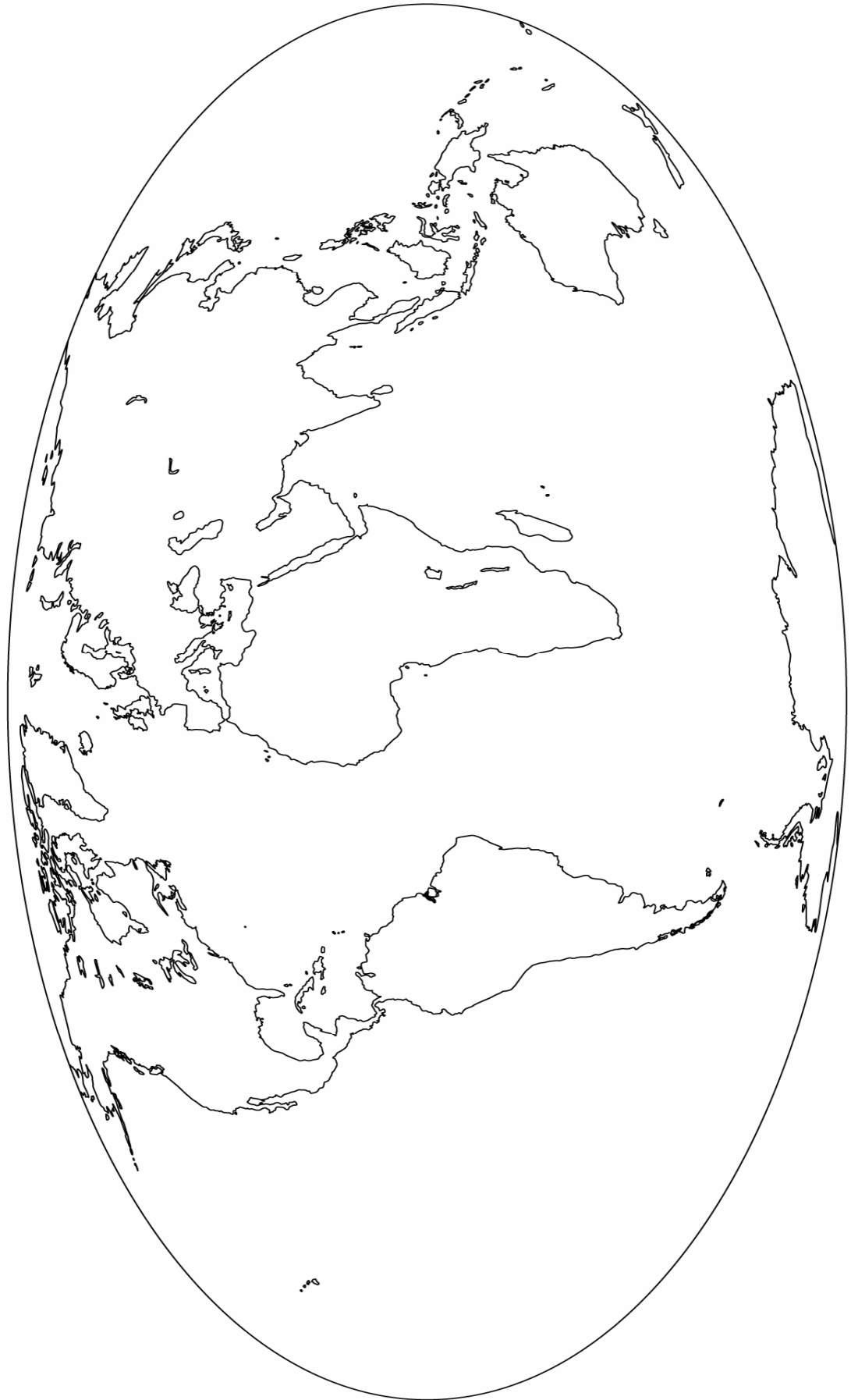
Week 1, Day 4: Label Continents and Oceans and color world map. (map to follow)

Week 2: Review Continents and Oceans again. Student may wish to repeat labeling on flat map. (map to follow)

Week 1: World Maps Quiz

Directions: Using *Usborne Geography Encyclopedia* pg. 258-263, answer the following questions: (remember to use the legends and keys) This should be done as an oral quiz out-loud with your home teacher.

1. On the environmental map of the United States:
 - a. Give the grid reference for Grand Junction (Hint: it is in the state of Colorado)
 - b. What city is at F4? (Hint: in the state of Texas)
 - c. Give the grid reference for the capital of Colorado
 - d. What capital city is at C2?
2. On the physical map of the world:
 - a. Approximately how many miles (kilometers) is it from the Cape of Good Hope (bottom of Africa) to Antarctica?
 - b. Why is the Sahara (Africa) painted red?
3. On the political map of the world:
 - a. What do the different colors mean?
 - b. Is Alaska part of Canada or the United States?
4. On the United States map:
 - a. What color lines separate the different states?
 - b. What color are the latitude and longitude lines?
5. On the political map of the world:
 - a. At what latitude and longitude lines is Japan?
 - b. Where is Madagascar?
 - c. Where is Greenland?
 - d. What does "NETH." stand for?
6. Why are certain areas on the physical/environmental maps colored:
 - a. purple
 - b. white
 - c. red



Week 3: The Continent of North America



Trivia:

Third Largest Continent

Overall area: 9,363,000 sq. mi. (24, 249,000 sq km)

Greatest distance east to west: 4,000 mi (6,400 km)

Greatest distance north to south: 5, 400 mi (8,900 km)

Tallest Mountain: Mt. McKinley at 20,320 ft (6,194m)

Lowest Point: Death Valley, California at 282 ft below sea level

Contained within the Northern and Western Hemispheres

Where is the North American Continent?

It is positioned north of the South American continent. Above its northern border is the Arctic Ocean; the Atlantic Ocean is its eastern border; its western border is the Pacific Ocean; and then there is the Gulf of Mexico sandwiched between Florida and Mexico. Get this: Canada, the United States, Central America, the Caribbean islands and Greenland are all part this continent! Wow!

Wonder Questions:

1. Is Hawaii part of North America?

Answer: Although politically owned by the United States, it is geographically part of Oceania.

2. Is Greenland green?

Answer: Its discoverer, Eric the Red, a Viking, named it so that it would sound more inviting since he had been exiled there from Iceland for manslaughter.

Topography and Climate

North America has practically every conceivable landform and weather pattern to suit all peoples. Some like the beaches; some prefer mountains. Some like it hot, some like it cold. Some people would rather live in the highlands with its hills and others, the lowlands with swampland. Water, water everywhere except in the deserts. There are mighty rivers, vast lakes, streams and creeks to satisfy water enthusiasts: rafters, fishermen, boaters, along with people in general who love the water to swim in or simply gaze upon. Let's not forget the islands with their balmy tropical temperatures, palm trees and other fauna/flora. Then there are canyons and caves that afford fascinating exploration, too.

In North America's northern regions, one could experience extremely cold weather with ice and snow. This kind of weather makes possible: building a snowman or an igloo, ice fishing, ice skating, snow boarding, skiing, and sledding. Lots of winter fun!

In its tropics, temperatures can get pretty hot but nicely accommodate: swimming, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, camping, fishing, and visiting museums. Lots of summer fun with family and good friends! **Sample Only**

Mark your state, surrounding states, your city, and the capital city of your state. Add a compass rose to this map (showing directions). Color Canada, Mexico, Greenland and United States separate colors, remember that Alaska is in the same country as United States so it needs to be the same color. Color the Oceans blue. Add the Mississippi, Colorado, and Missouri Rivers. Add the Appalachian and the Rocky Mountains. Add the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. **Sample only**

