# Geography

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# What is Geography?

Geography is a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of Earth.

#### **Natural Disasters**

- 1. There are many different natural disasters that happen throughout the world at various times.
- 2. Earthquakes occur in CA and not in Oklahoma. But tornadoes occur in Oklahoma and not in CA
- 3. All of them hurt people or damage their lives and can cause catastrophic damage.
- 4. Some natural disasters are earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, volcanoes, and tsunamis.

#### Earthquakes

- 1. Earthquakes occur when tectonic plates under ground clash into each other and it shakes the crust(The part of Earth you live on).
- 2. The center of an earthquakes is called the epicenter and it is the point right on top of the earthquake(on the crust). It is where the most damage occurs.
- Earthquakes form vibrations from the epicenter which can make buildings fall and break roads. The vibrations can go for Hundreds of miles and are called Seismic Waves.
- Earthquakes only last for few seconds but can cause huge amounts of damage.
- 5. They are measured from 1-10 by the Richter scale



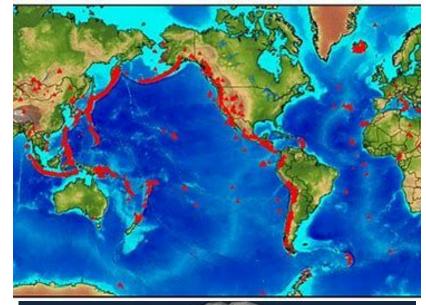
#### Tsunamis

- 1. Tsunamis are large waves that form in the ocean that rock cities and destroy building's
- 2. The average height of a tsunami is 10 feet
- 3. The word come from Japan meaning big wave
- The highest tsunami was about 1720 feet and was caused by a 7.8 earthquake of Alaska's Lituya Bay (more that 325 moms and dads stacked up!)
- 5. They are usually created by earthquakes or landslides in the water



#### Volcanos

- Volcanoes are ruptures in the earth's crust that are sometimes all tall as mountains
- 2. The rim of a volcano is called a crater
- 3. When lava comes out of a volcano, it's called and eruption
- 4. Volcanoes can either be dormant, active, or extinct.
- 5. Active volcanoes are when lava can still flow out of them at any point of time
- 6. Dormant volcanoes are when volcanoes do not erupt for a long time but still can.
- 7. Extinct volcanoes can not erupt forever

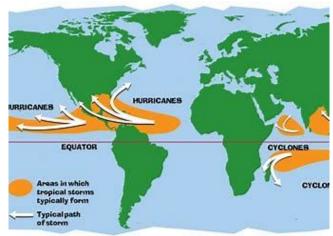




#### Hurricanes

Fun Fact! Did you know that the eye of a Hurricane is where the Hurricane is the slowest

- 1. Hurricanes are wind storms that can reach over 150 MPH.
- 2. The center of a Hurricane is called its eye.
- 3. They form at sea and when they reach land, the cause a lot of damage
- 4. Hurricanes often bring rain and wind when they reach land.
- 5. Hurricanes are measured on their intensity by the Saffir-Simpson scale which goes from Category 1-5.
- 6. 5 is the most wind speed and damage and 1 is the least





# **Physical Features**

#### Mountains

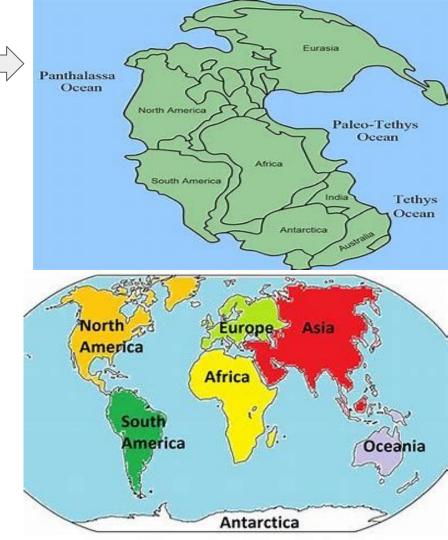
- Mountains are tall structures that are formed naturally by tectonic plates colliding with each other
- 2. The top of a mountain is called a mountain peak
- Mountains are generally more than 4000 ft tall and hills are shorter and are less than 4000 ft
- 4. The highest mountain in the world is Mt. Everest
- 5. There are mountains ranges which are a group of mountains together



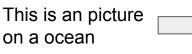
## Continents

Map of Pangea

- 1. Continents are large pieces of land on the earth surface. There are 7 continents.
- 2. The largest continent is Asia. It is home to 4 billion people
- 3. The smallest continent is Australia and the entire continent is made up of one country
- 4. The continents were not always separated, 300 million years ago there was a supercontinent called Pangea
- 5. Antarctica is the only continent that has not people living on it



### **Bodies Of Water**



- 1. There are different bodies of water. Lakes, Oceans, and rivers
- 2. Lakes are inland bodies of water that can be salty or freshwater
- 3. The largest lake in the world is the Caspian sea.
- 4. Oceans are large salt water bodies of water.
- 5. Oceans cover 70% of the earth's surface.
- 6. The largest ocean is the Pacific ocean







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