

CHAPTER 1 Activity Workbook



Looking at the Earth: Activity 1

The Five Themes of Geography

Geographers study Earth as the home of people. They search for connections between people and places. Geography's five themes help geographers find connections. The five themes are *location*, *place*, *human/environment interaction*, *movement*, and *region*.

A. DIRECTIONS: Fill in the Blanks In the space provided, write the geographic theme that best applies to each statement.

1. I can find my hometown on a map or globe. I can do this by identifying its latitude, its longitude, and nearby places and natural features. _____

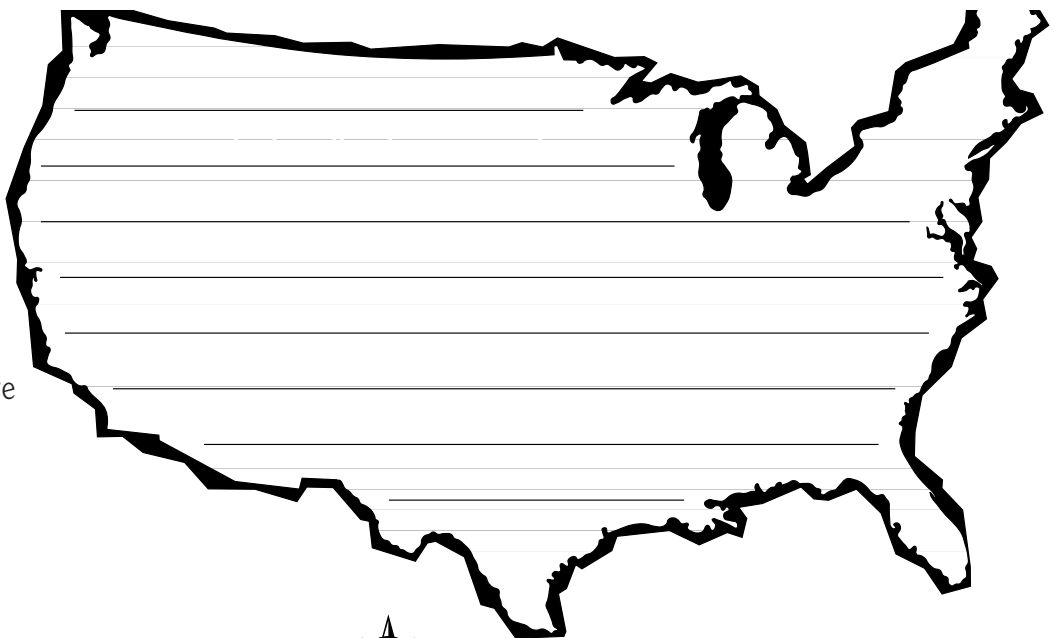
2. I can describe people, plants, animals, landforms, and climate found in my community.

3. The people who live here have adapted to and changed the natural surroundings.

4. Native Americans first established communities here. Later, people from other geographic areas settled here. _____

5. My hometown shares some physical features and human characteristics with nearby areas.

B. DIRECTIONS:
Essay Write an original paragraph about your community. Describe it the way a geographer might. Use the statements above to help you organize your thoughts.



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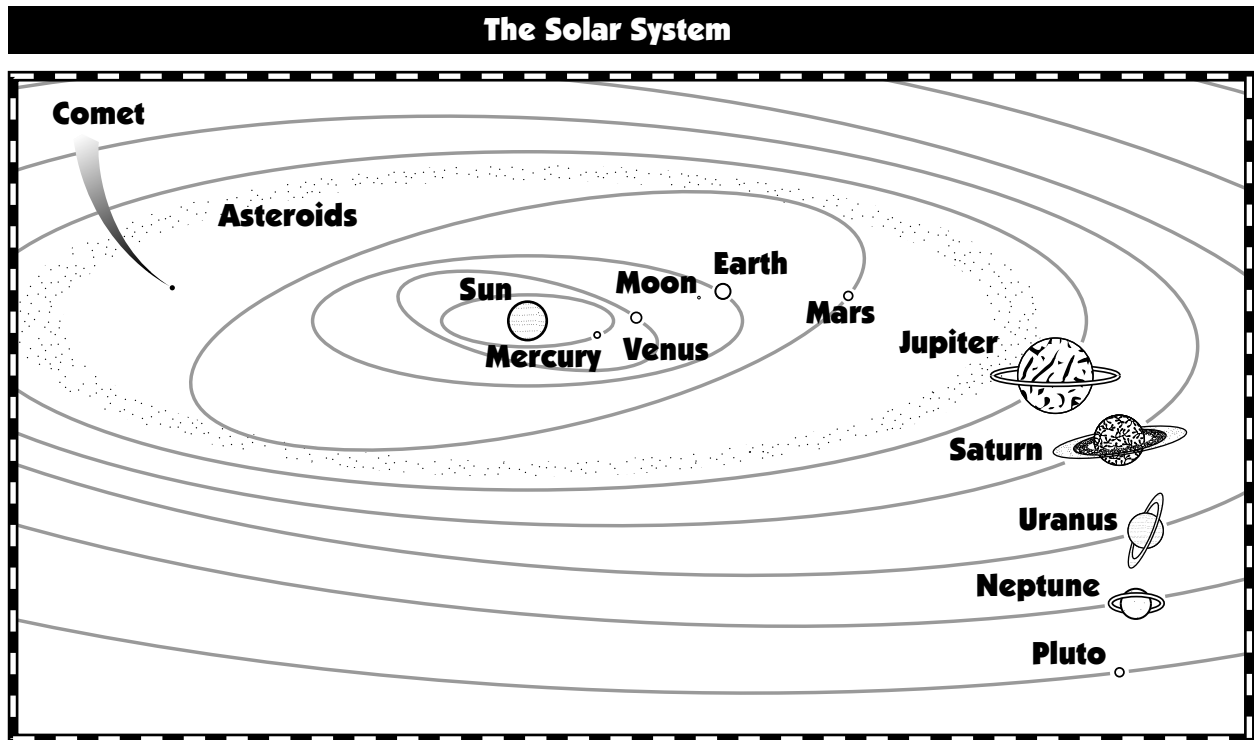
Looking at the Earth: Activity 2

Recognizing Our Solar System

Nine planets orbit, or revolve, around the sun. Earth is one of the planets. Some planets have one or more moons. The earth has one moon. The sun, the planets, the moons, and other bodies—called asteroids—make up our solar system.

DIRECTIONS: Finding Location Use the diagram of the solar system to complete this activity. Follow the directions given below. Then write the name of the planet described in the space provided.

1. Circle the largest planet. _____
2. Draw a box around the smallest and farthest planet from the sun. _____
3. Draw two lines under the planet nearest to the sun. _____
4. Draw a dotted line around the planet that is third in distance from the sun. _____
5. Draw two circles around the planet between Mercury and Earth. _____



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