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A VIEW OF THE USA

VOCABULARY STUDY GUIDE

Equator – Imaginary line that circles the Earth halfway between the North Pole and South Pole.

Northern Hemisphere – All the area above the equator

Southern Hemisphere – All the area below the equator

Seven Continents – Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia

Lines of Latitude – Set of imaginary lines on a map or globe that run east and west

Lines of Longitude – Set of imaginary lines on a map or globe that run north and south

Piedmont – Area at or near the foot of a mountain

Sea Level – Level at the surface of the oceans

Peninsula – Land that is almost entirely surrounded by water

Canyon – Deep, narrow valley with steep sides

Ground Water – Water beneath the Earth's surface

Source – Place where a river begins

Mouth – Place where a river empties in a larger body of water

Floodplain – low, flat land along a river

Delta – Triangle-shaped land at a river's mouth

Climate – The kind of weather one place has over a long time

Precipitation – Water in the form of rain, sleet or snow that falls to the Earth's surface

Natural Resource – Something found in nature that people can use

Drought – A time of little or no rain

Mineral – Natural substance found in rocks (copper, gold, silver...)

Renewable Resource – Natural resource that can be replaced as they are used up (forests)

Nonrenewable Resource – Natural resource that cannot be replaced as they are used (oil)