

AFRICA



How did different cultures develop in Africa?

Vocabulary

- » Christianity
- » Islam
- » cyclone
- » meridian
- » democracy
- » migrate
- » economy
- » monarch
- » equator
- » monarchy
- » hemisphere
- » North Pole
- » International Date Line
- » parliament
- » irrigate
- » republic
- » South Pole





What is a world region?

A Look at the World Regions

Why People Live around the World

God made the earth and all the people, plants, and animals. He told people to have children and fill the earth (Genesis 1:28a). As people spread over the earth, they formed nations. A nation is a group of people with similar language and culture.

The nations were different from each other. Sometimes the people of one nation thought they were better than the people of other nations. But all people are part of one family started by Adam and Eve.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

“God that made the world and all things therein . . . and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us” (Acts 17:24a, 26–27).





God determines how long nations last. God permits some nations to defeat other nations. People move from one part of the world to another part. They marry the people who live there. Over time new nations form. People create new cultures and build new cities. They form new governments and make new laws.

God wants all people to know Him. Many nations have turned from God and created false religions. But God said He is not far from those who want to know Him.

In this book you will learn about many different nations around the world. You will learn about their cultures and religions. You will learn how God uses Christians to take the gospel to these nations.



Where People Live



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Europe is the second smallest continent. It has a few islands. It has the largest ice cave on earth. The cave is found in a mountain in Austria. The cave's name is Eisriesenwelt, which means "world of the ice giants."



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Asia is the largest continent on earth. It has many islands. Mount Everest is in this region. It is the highest mountain in the world.

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Africa is the second largest continent. It has some islands. The Nile is here. It is the longest river on earth.

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Oceania is made of islands and the continent of Australia. Australia is the world's smallest continent. It is the only place on earth where koalas live in nature.



QUICK CHECK

Why did people settle in regions across the earth?

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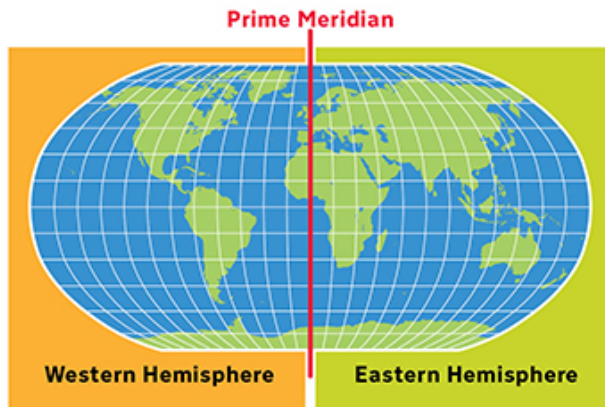
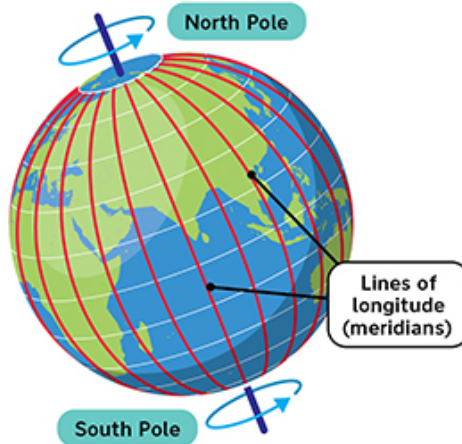


How is the earth divided?

Mapping the Earth

We can locate places using a globe. A globe shows the **North Pole** and **South Pole**. The poles are on the north and south ends of the globe. This is where the earth turns or rotates.

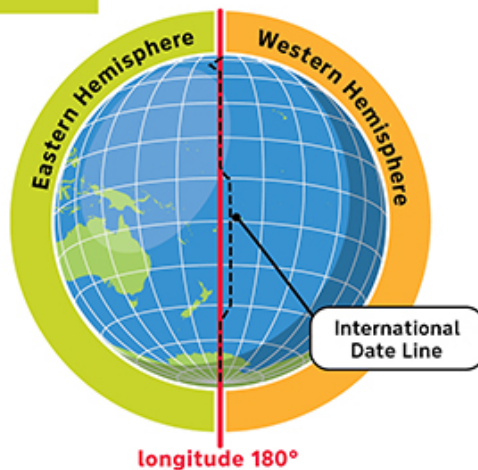
Some lines on the globe run north and south. They are called **meridians**. These lines measure distance from east to west.



Lines of longitude begin at the Prime Meridian. It is marked 0° (zero degrees) on the globe. The opposite line of longitude is marked 180° (one hundred eighty degrees). These lines divide the earth in two halves. Each half is a **hemisphere**.

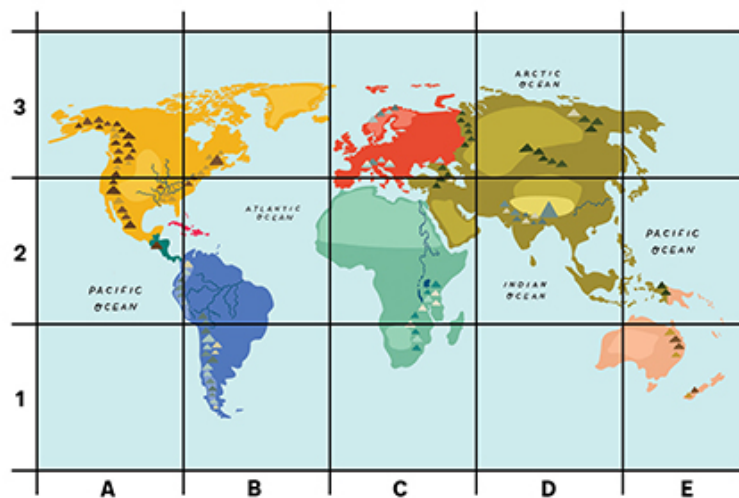
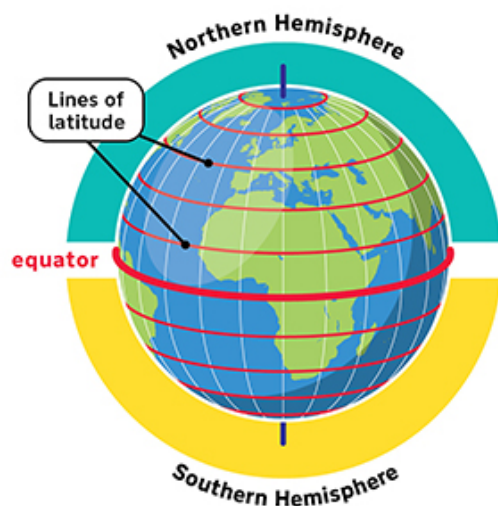
The Eastern Hemisphere is east of the Prime Meridian. It is west of longitude 180° . The Western Hemisphere is west of the Prime Meridian and east of longitude 180° .

The **International Date Line** is a line near longitude 180° . The date is one day earlier to the east than to the west of it.



The lines of latitude run east and west on the globe and measure distance from north to south. They begin at the **equator**. The equator is a line that runs around the globe halfway between the two poles. It is latitude 0° . It divides the earth in half. The halves are the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

The lines on a map are like the lines on the globe. We can find places on the earth using a grid map. A map scale helps us read distance on a map.



Some lines of a map grid run north and south. The other lines run east and west. Each line has a letter or number. We use the letters and numbers to find places on the map. A map scale shows distance on a map. It compares the distance on a map to the real distance on the ground.

SKILL



Map Scale
1 inch = 5000 miles



QUICK CHECK

What are the earth's four hemispheres?