Geography Vocabulary

Glacier- a thick sheet of ice

Latitude- measures distance north and south from the equator

Cartographer- a map maker

Longitude- measures distance east and west from the prime meridian

Map projection- a way of drawing the earth on a flat surface

Mountain- high steep rugged land, usually at least 1000 ft. above surrounding land

Tributary- a stream or small river that flows into a bigger river

Irrigate- bring water to a dry area in order to grow food

Elevation- height above sea level

Geography- the study of people, their environments, and their resources

History- an account of what happened in the development of a people, a nation or a civilization

Plain- a broad area of fairly level land

Isthmus- a narrow strip of land

Plateau- a large raised area of flat or gently rolling land

Weather- condition of the air at any given time and place

Climate- average weather of a place over a period of 20 to 30 years