

## Geographical Terms

## CLASS SET (copy available on website)

The purpose of this assignment is to help you learn physical features of various regions (SS6.2.2) and have you construct maps that display geographic information. (SS6.2.3). There will also be a Literacy: Writing (Text Types and Purposes) grade that addresses vocabulary. In addition, there is a graded research component to this task.

Using the list of geographic features/terms provided to you, select 5 that you are not that familiar with (couldn't describe it if asked). You must do the following four (4) tasks:

1. Select 5 terms from the list below. Be sure they are words that are new to you.

2. Define the term. Use room resources, dictionary, internet.

3. Use the word in a sentence. Note: Vocabulary knowledge is more than a definition. You need to be able to use the word in a creative, descriptive sentence. Use the term in a sentence that shows you know the meaning of the term. Use characteristics of the definition within your sentence to make it descriptive.

"The ocean is a very large expanse of sea." WRONG! This is merely a definition written in sentence form.

"My family went to the ocean." WRONG! We have no idea what an ocean is from that sentence. For all we know, an ocean could be a zoo! There is nothing in that sentence that describes any part of an ocean.

"My family took a boat on the ocean and there was no land in sight." CORRECT! We know that oceans are vast areas of water, you'd be on a boat, and that you might not see any land from an ocean. Use characteristics from the definition. Hint: A good sentence is probably going to be a bit longer than an average sentence. Go overboard rather than underboard.

4. Draw a "country" that illustrates your 5 geographic terms. Label the 5 features.

You can use the class set of illustrations, the posters in the room, the books, the internet, and even the dictionary to guide you in your drawing and your definitions. One website:  
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/glossary/>

### Landforms:

archipelago	atoll
butte	canyon
cape	coast
(continental) divide	delta
piedmont	isthmus
mesa	peninsula
plain	plateau
range	foothills
cliff	escarpment

### Waterforms:

bay	channel
cove	delta
fiord/fjord	geyser
glacier	gulf
iceberg	mouth
strait	source/headwaters
tributary	rivulet/brook/creek/spring
sound	waterfall