

# GEOGRAPHY

## MAP SKILLS

### Terms to know

- **Map:** A drawing that shows what places look like from above and where they are located
- **Globe:** A round model of the Earth
- **Symbol:** A picture or thing that stands for something else
- **Map legend:** A list of shapes and symbols used on a map and an explanation of what each stands for
- **Cardinal directions:** The directions of north, east, south, west

### Map symbols to identify

- **Land**
- **Water**
- **Cities**
- **Roads**

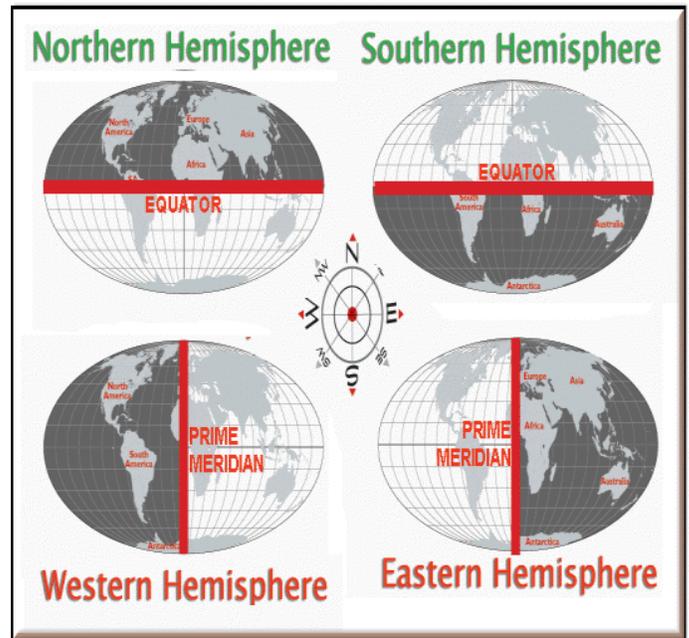
The locations of the capital cities of Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Virginia, are identified by specific symbols (see map below)



Maps include the following:

- **Title**—The name or kind of map
- **Map legend**—A list of shapes and symbols used on a map and an explanation of what each stands for
- **Compass rose**—A symbol that shows direction (north, east, south, and west) on a map

## THE GLOBE



The **equator** and the **prime meridian** divide the globe into **four hemispheres**.

The four hemispheres are **Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western**.

- **Hemisphere:** Half of a sphere (globe) created by the prime meridian or the equator
- **Equator:** An imaginary line around the middle of the earth that divides the globe into the northern and southern hemispheres
- **Prime meridian:** An imaginary line that divides the globe into the eastern and western hemispheres
- **Regions:** Places that have common characteristics
- **Continent:** A large body of land on the Earth

Students should know where the United States is located...



on the globe



and on a world map

Where are the seven continents and the five oceans located on a world map?

### The seven continents

Locate North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica on maps and globes.



### The five oceans

Locate the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean on maps and globes.



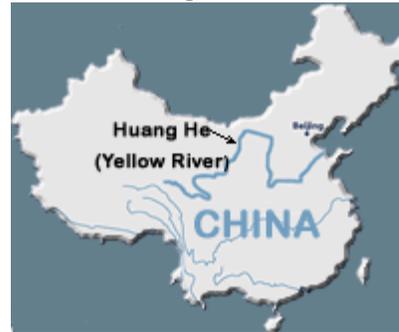
STANDARD 2.4 Locate China and Egypt on world maps; compare the climate, land, and plant life of these regions; describe how people in these regions adapt to their environment

Where are **China and Egypt** located on a world map?

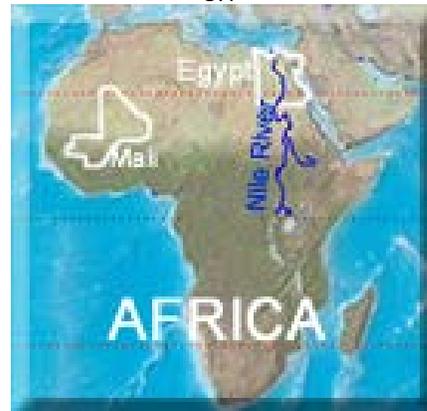


**China** is located in **Asia**. **Egypt** is located in **Africa**.  
The **United States** is located in **North America** (see map)

Locate the **Huang He** in China



The **Nile River** in Egypt.





The empire of **Mali** was located in the **western** region of the continent of **Africa**.



**Ancient Greece** was located on a **peninsula**, with **mountains** and **hills** and was surrounded by many **islands** and the **Mediterranean Sea**. Greece had **limited rich soil**.

**Ancient Rome** was located next to a **river**. The **soil was limited** for farming. A variety of **trees** grew in ancient Rome.

Locate the James River, the **Mississippi River**, the **Rio Grande**, the **Appalachian Mountains**, the **Rocky Mountains**, and the general area of the **Great Lakes** on a United States map.

Locate Virginia on a U.S. map



*On which continents are England, Spain, France, and the United States located? Where are the countries of Spain, England, and France located on a world map?*

England, Spain, and France are located on the continent of **Europe**. The **United States** is located on the continent of **North America**. (locate on map)

*Where are the regions (general areas) of San Salvador in the Bahamas; St. Augustine, Florida; Quebec, Canada; and Jamestown, Virginia located on a map?*

**San Salvador** is located in the general area of the **Bahamas**. **St. Augustine** is located in **northern Florida**. **Quebec** is located in **Canada**. **Jamestown** is located in **Virginia**. (locate on map)

