

## What is Geography? and how it all began.

### Defining Geography

- Geography began
- Created by the ancient Greeks about 400 BC
  - GEO- meaning
  - GRAPHY- meaning
  - GEOGRAPHY=

### Why the Greeks?

- The Greeks were the first people

### Why the Greeks?

- The dry desert-like environment of their islands
  - The already were running out at a very fast pace
- People had to do something... but what?

### Why the Greeks?

- The Greeks became the
  - - Describing characteristics of the earth

### Fathers of Geography

- Greeks responsible for developing Geography
  - Eratosthenes (Third Century BC)
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    - based on sun's angle at summer solstice
    - Only too large
  - Homer
    - Greek author who
    - The world's

### Fathers of Geography

- Greeks responsible for developing Geography
  - Claudius Ptolemy
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- Rough maps of

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### Other Contributors

- Early explorers/ geographers
  - Bartholomeu Diaz
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  - Christopher Columbus
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  - Ferdinand Magellan
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  - Alexander Von Humboldt
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  - Lewis and Clark
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### Doing Geography

- So... How do we “do” geography?
  - Meaning...How do we describe the earth?
    - - Use our five senses
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  - Always think of the early Greeks and what necessitated their desire to explore

### The Geography Process

- - - Actually traveling there, watch a video of it, reading about it, etc.
- - - Learn about someone or something you didn’t know before
- - - Inspect and study the details of someone, something, or some place
- - - Tell the facts/ details about... **Someone, Something, or Someplace**

- Verbally, in writing, through pictures, maps, graphs, charts, etc.
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### **Geography as a Field of Study**

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- Focused on answering
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### **Geography as a Field of Study**

- Geographers look at the world spatially
  - Most interested in looking into space (areas)
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- Develop models to try to explain a complicated world
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### **Modern Fields of Geography**

- Physical Geography
  - - Where and why patterns of climate, soil, and topography exist
- Human Geography
  - - Where and why patterns of religions, governments, languages, populations, and economies exist

### **Modern Fields of Geography**

- Carl Sauer's
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  - "Culture is the agent, nature is the medium, the cultural landscape is the result"
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- George Perkins Marsh
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