What is Geography? and how it all began.

Defining Geography

- Geography began
- Created by the ancient Greeks about 400 BC
 - o 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

based on sun's angle at summer solstice

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)

too large

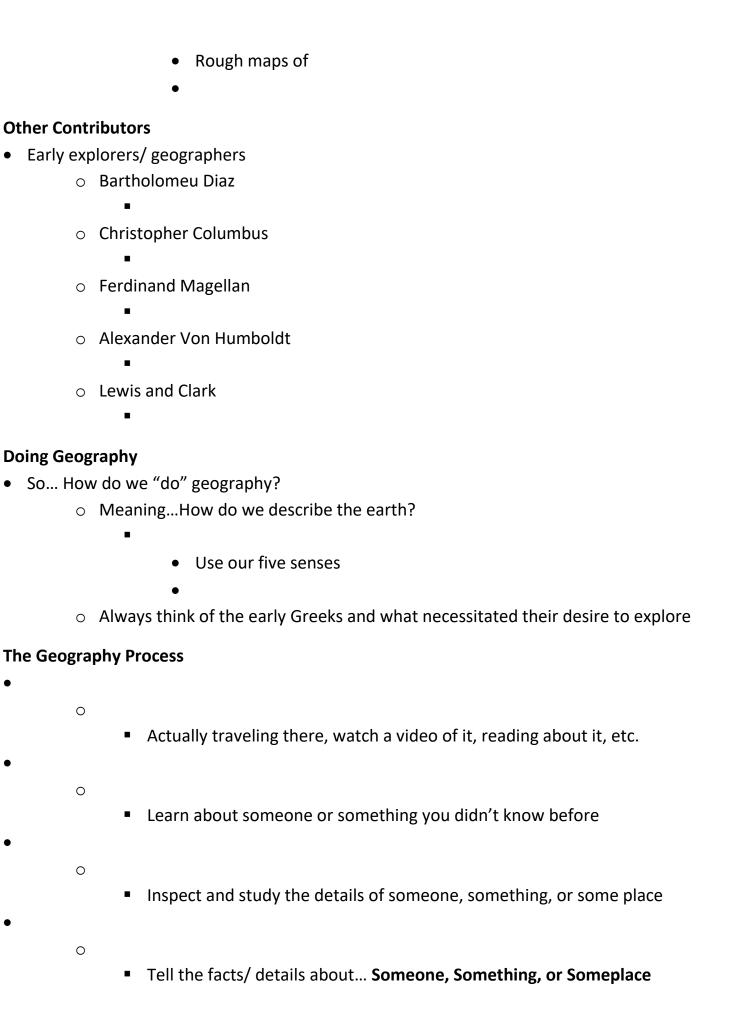
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Homer

- Greek author who
- The world's

Fathers of Geography

- Greeks responsible for developing Geography
 - Claudius Ptolemy



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Ge	eography as a Field of Study
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•	Focused on answering
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Ge	eography 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
M	odern Fields of Geography
•	Physical Geography
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	Where and why patterns of climate, soil, and topography exist
•	Human Geography
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	 Where and why patterns of religions, governments, languages, populations, and economies exist
M	odern 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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