

Here are a few terms and definitions (there are more on your worksheets).

This paper should not be your only source for the definition of the Geographic Terms.

1. **archipelago** – a group of closely scattered islands
2. **atoll** – ring shaped islands formed by coral buildup on the rim of an underwater volcano
3. **badlands** – area of barren land with roughly eroded ridges and peaks
4. **bay** – body of water partially enclosed by land with a wide outlet to the ocean, a small body of water indenting the shoreline and is set off from the main body of water
5. **beach** – sandy, pebbly or rocky shore of a body of water
6. **butte** - a raised, flat *small* area of land with steep cliffs
7. **canal** -
8. **canyon** – deep, narrow valley with high steep walls
9. **cape** – point of land projecting into a body of water
10. **cave** – underground hollow often having an opening in the side of a hill or cliff
11. **channel** – deeper part of a river or harbor, a waterway wider than a strait, that joins two larger bodies of water.
12. **continent** -
13. **coral reef** -
14. **delta** – triangular section of land built up at a rivers mouth
15. **desert** – dry areas of land, desolate, waterless, and without vegetation
16. **dune** – in deserts and on beaches, windblown sands that have formed hills
17. **estuary** -
18. **fjord** – long, steep-sided glacial valley now filled by seawater
19. **forest** -
20. **foothills** -
21. **glacier** – large body of ice that moves across the earth’s surface
22. **gulf** – an area of sea or ocean partially enclosed by land, larger than a bay
23. **geyser** -
24. **harbor or port** -
25. **hill** – part of land that rises noticeably above the rest of the land
26. **iceberg** – large chunks of ice that break off of glaciers
27. **inlet** -
28. **isthmus** - a narrow strip of land, bordered by water that connects two larger bodies of land
29. **jungle** – densely overgrown land with tropical vegetation
30. **lagoon** – shallow pool of water at the center of an atoll
31. **lake** – body of water completely surrounded by land
32. **marsh** – an area of low-lying, wetlands
33. **mesa** -
34. **mouth** -
35. **ocean** – large continuous body of salt water
36. **peninsula** – piece of land that it surrounded by water on three sides
37. **peak** -
38. **plain** – flat or gently rolling lands
39. **plateau** – flat land mass higher than the surrounding land, with at least one steep side
40. **sea** – body of salt water surrounded almost by land
41. **sound** – long, wide body of water connecting larger bodies of water, larger than a channel,
42. **strait** - a relatively *narrow waterway* joining two larger bodies of water
43. **swamp** – lowland region saturated by water
44. **tributary** -
45. **tundra** – vast treeless plains with permafrost and small, low plants
46. **valley** – lowland between mountain ranges or hills

MATCHING

a.) jungle	b.) glacier	c.) delta	d.) archipelago	e.) bay	f.) lake
g.) plain	h.) tundra	i.) channel	j.) fjord	k.) iceberg	l.) marsh
m.) cliff	n.) mesa	o.) canal			

1. _____ Large body of ice that moves across the earth's surface.
2. _____ Body of water completely surrounded by land.
3. _____ Flat or gently rolling lands.
4. _____ Long, steep-sided glacial valley now filled by seawater.
5. _____ Triangular section of land built up at a river's mouth.
6. _____ A flat-topped, elevated landform.
7. _____ An artificial waterway used for irrigation or travel.
8. _____ Densely overgrown land with tropical vegetation.
9. _____ High, steep or overhanging rock face.
10. _____ A group of closely scattered islands.
11. _____ Body of water partially enclosed by land with a wide outlet to the ocean,
12. _____ An area of low lying, wetland.
13. _____ The deeper part of a river or harbor.
14. _____ Large chunks of ice that break off of glaciers.
15. _____ Vast, treeless plains with permafrost and small, low plants.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The state of Florida is a _____ due to its relationship to surrounding waters.
2. The Sahara is by far the world's largest, most desolate, and hottest _____.
3. Greenland is the world's largest _____.
4. The Nile is the world's longest _____.
5. Australia is considered to be the world's smallest _____.
6. The Atlantic _____ contains about 23 percent of the world's water.
7. _____ Michigan is located completely within the U.S.
8. The _____ of Mexico is a vast basin bounded by Mexico and American southern states.
9. The Hudson _____ is named after the Dutch explorer Henry Hudson.
10. _____ Cod, in Massachusetts, is really a true peninsula.
11. The Dead _____ is actually a landlocked salt lake.
12. North Dakota's _____ are nice to visit, but you'd never want to live there.