

globalization

greater cultural and economic interaction among people all over the world

geography

The study of the earth and its features and of the distribution of life on the earth, including human life and the.

human geography

The study of where and why human activities are located where they are

physical geography

The study where and why natural forces occur as they do

map

A two-dimension or flat scale model of something

place

A specific point on Earth distinguished by a particular characteristic

region

an area of Earth distinguished by a distinctive combination of cultural and physical features

scale

the relationship between the portion of Earth being studied and Earth as a whole

space

the physical gap or intervals between two objects

connections

relationships among people and objects across the barrier of space

cartography

the science of
mapmaking

map projection

the scientific method of transferring locations on
Earth's surface to a flat map

Land Ordinance of
1785

divided much of the country into a system of
townships and ranges to facilitate the sale of land
to settlers

GIS (geographic information
system)

a computer system that can capture, store, query,
analyze, and display geographic data

remote sensing

the acquisition of data from a satellite orbiting
Earth or from another long-distance method

GPS (global positioning system)

a system that accurately determines the precise position of something on Earth

location

the position that something occupies on Earth

toponym

the name given to a place on Earth

site

physical character of a place

situation

the location of a place relative to other places

meridian

an arc drawn between North and South poles

parallel

a circle drawn around the globe parallel to the equator

longitude

numbering system for meridians (axis between North and South poles)

prime meridian

0 degrees longitude - passes through Greenwich, England

latitude

numbering system for parallels

equator

0 degrees latitude

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

master reference time for all points
on Earth