

Guided Reading Activity



Physical Geography

Lesson 1 Planet Earth

Essential Question: How does geography influence the way people live?

Looking at Earth

Directions: What are the layers that make up Earth? Use your textbook to complete the sentences that describe each layer.

1. The center of Earth is called the _____. It is divided into two parts, a _____ and an _____ made up of _____.
2. The middle layer of Earth is called the _____. It is made up of hot, dense rock called _____.
3. The outer layer of Earth is the _____. This is the _____ that forms the surface of Earth.

Directions: Complete the chart with the names of Earth's four major physical systems.

Physical System	Made up of
	water: oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, rivers, groundwater, and ice
	landforms: mountains, hills, plateaus, plains, and ocean basins
	gases: nitrogen, oxygen, and other gases
	living things: people, animals, and plants

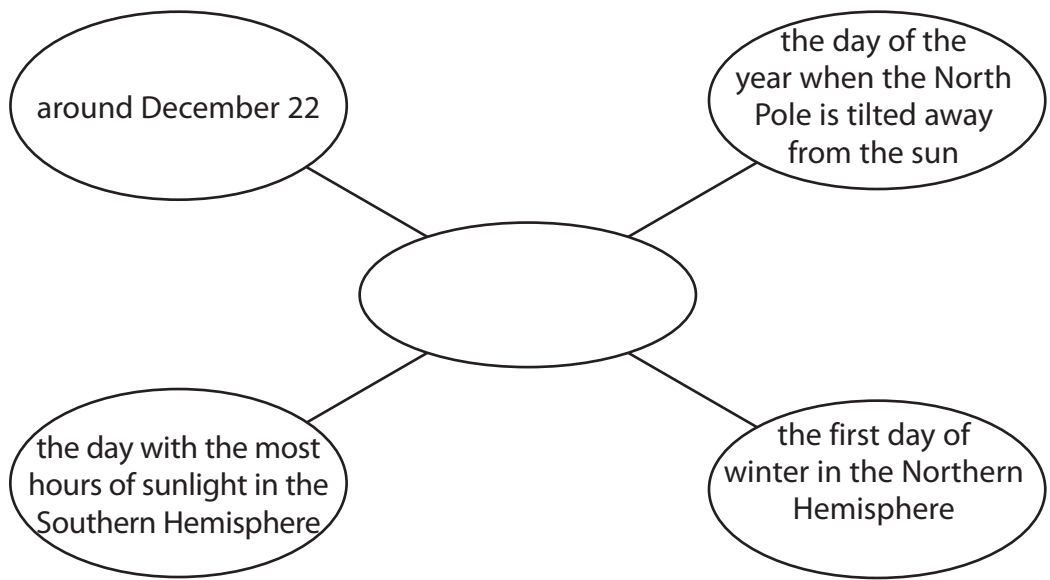
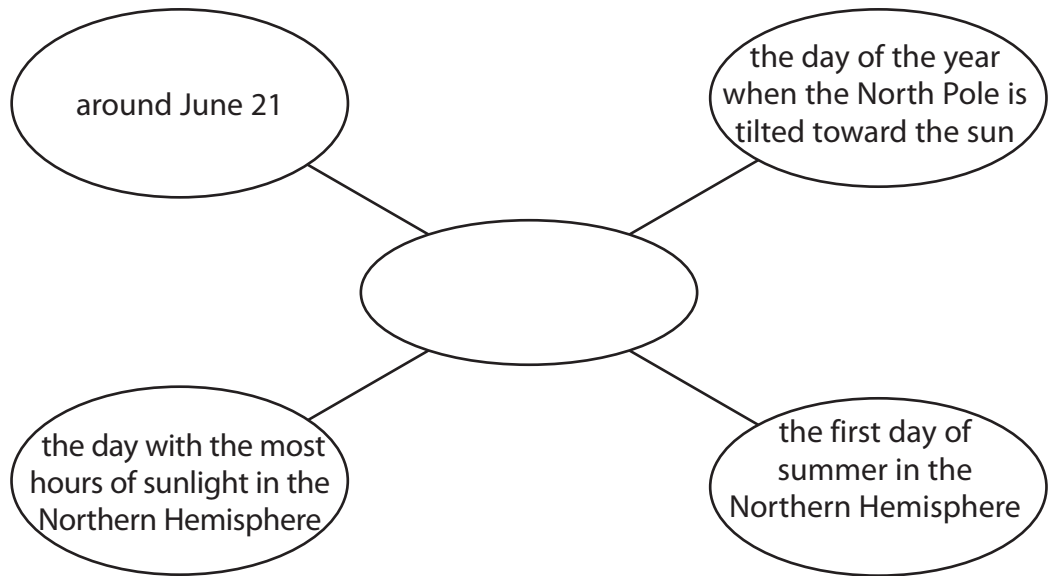
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Seasons

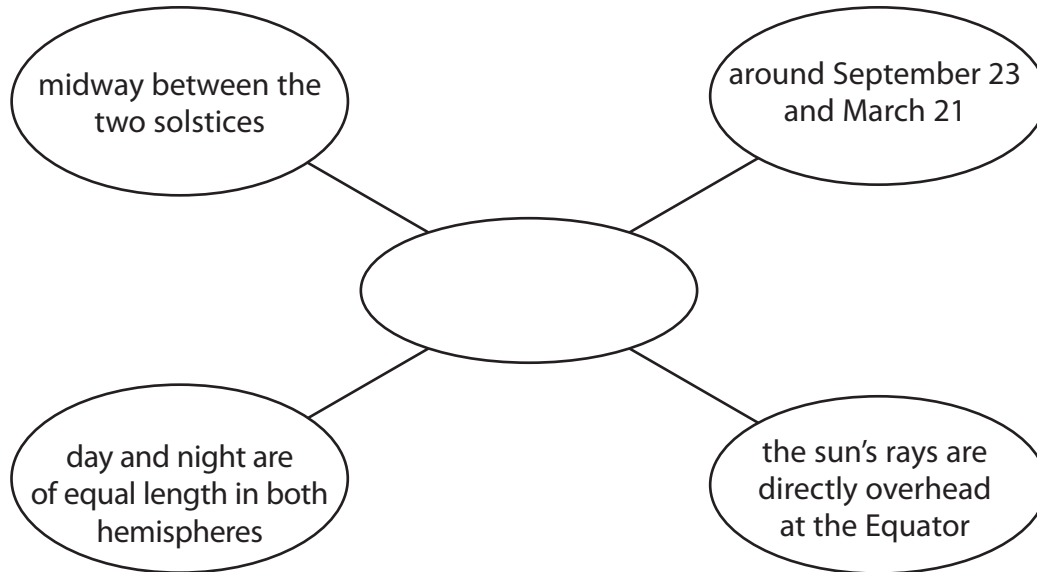
Directions: Complete the concept webs with the correct term.



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Factors that Influence Climate

Directions: Fill in the blanks to explain how each of the following factors influences climate.

1. Elevation: The atmosphere is _____ at higher elevations so the air holds less heat.
2. Wind and Ocean Currents: The movement of air and water helps to _____ the temperature on Earth.
3. Weather: Weather conditions that occur in an area over a _____ period of time determine the region's climate.
4. Landforms: Landforms and land masses _____ the strength, speed, and direction of wind and ocean currents and affect precipitation.

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Different Types of Climate Zones

Directions: The first column below lists Earth's six basic climate zones. Write a description of each zone in the second column.

Climate Zone	Description
Tropical	
Desert	
Humid Temperate	
Cold Temperate	
Polar	
High Mountain	