

# Missouri: Gateway to the West

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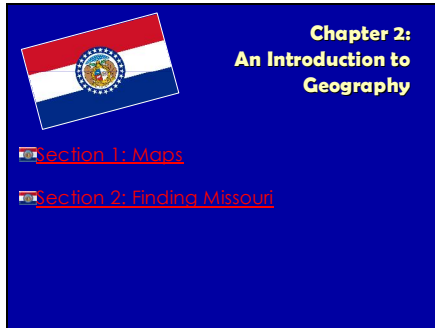
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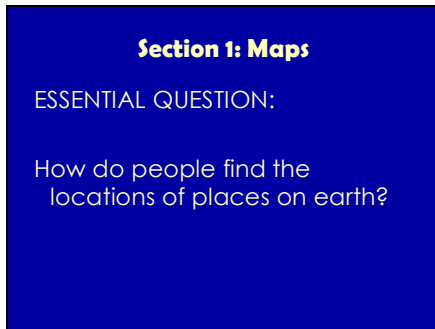
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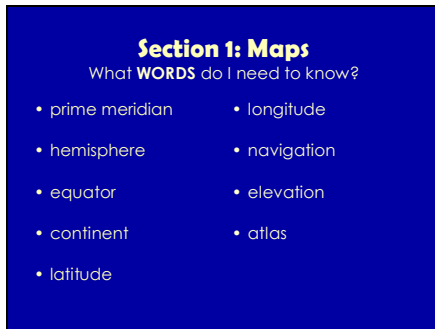
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**Maps**

- The earth spins on its axis.
- The eastern and western hemispheres of the earth are bounded by the [prime meridian](#) and 180<sup>th</sup> meridian.
- The northern and southern hemispheres are bounded by the [equator](#).
- Seven [continents](#): Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America.
- The United States is in North America.
- [Missouri](#) is one of the 50 United States.

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**Latitude and Longitude**

- Parallels of [latitude](#) are lines running east to west on the globe.
- Lines of [longitude](#) (meridians) are lines running north to south on the globe.
- Degrees, minutes, and seconds are units used to find positions with latitude and longitude.
- People use maps, compasses, and global positioning systems to find locations on the earth.
- Navigators find positions for airplanes and ships.

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**More Maps and Map-Reading Tools**

- [Historical](#) maps help us learn about places where important events happened.
- [Physical](#) maps show the earth's features (mountains, rivers, lakes, etc.).
- [Political](#) maps show the borders of countries, states, counties, towns, etc.
- [Topographic](#) maps use lines to help users understand the shape of the land.
- Lines show elevation, or the height of the land above sea level.

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**More Maps and Map-Reading Tools: part 2**

- A [compass rose](#) shows direction on a map.
- A legend explains the symbols and colors used on a map.
- Cartographers are people who make a living creating maps.

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**Section 2: Finding Missouri**

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

Where is Missouri located in the United States?

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**Section 2: Finding Missouri**

What **words** do I need to know?

- confluence

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**Finding Missouri**

- The state of Missouri is located west of the Mississippi River and on either side of the Missouri River.
- A confluence is the meeting of two rivers, like the Mississippi River and Missouri River.
- Border states: Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

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