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Section 1

Location

A very basic geographical skill is to describe where a place is located.

Location can be shown in a number of ways.

From general **relative location** . . .

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**Relative to the solar system,
West Virginia is on the Earth.**

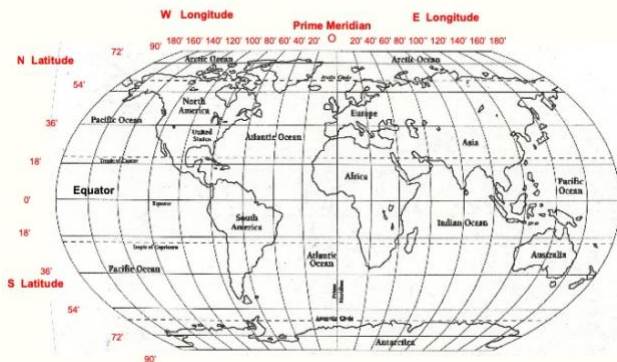


**Relative to its location in the United States,
West Virginia is surrounded by**



**Mapping the earth requires putting a
graph on the earth**

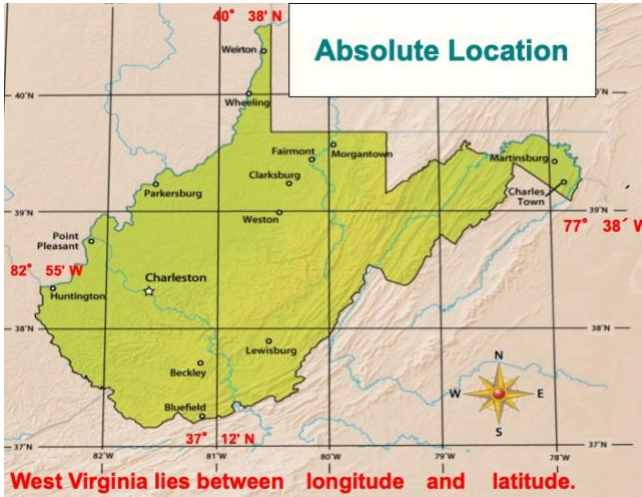
Map To do this we use terms like:



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Section 2

Place

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Describing what a **place is like includes a description of its**

- Climate
- Natural Wonders
- Waterways

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West Virginia has a **Humid Continental** climate which means it has four seasons

Spring



Summer



Fall

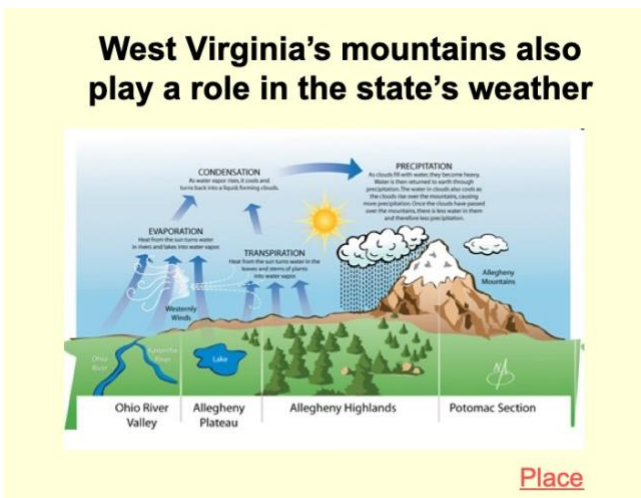


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Besides climate, a place is defined by its natural wonders, which include

- Valleys
- Waterfalls
- Caves
- Rock Formations
- Waterways

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Valleys, like **Canaan**, provide a striking contrast to the state's mountains.



Teays Valley was once covered by an ancient river.



Natural Wonders

Waterfalls add beauty to West Virginia's natural environment.

Sandstone Falls

Brush Creek Falls

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Blackwater Falls, in Tucker County, is one of the most photographed scenes in the state.



Hills Creek Falls



Kanawha Falls, in Fayette County, is located on the Kanawha River.



Natural Wonders

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Caves are a haven for spelunkers. In caves you find stalactites and stalagmites.

Stalactites

Calcium carbonate deposits which hang from the roof of the cave



Stalagmites

Calcium carbonate deposits which build up from the floor of the cave

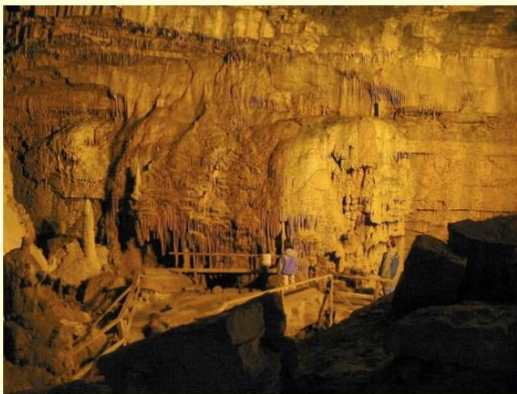
Caves include

Seneca Caverns

Organ Cave

Scott Hollow Cave

Lost World Caverns



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Smokehole Caverns



Natural Wonders

Rock formations are another natural wonder.

Bear Rock Preserve

Caudy's Castle

Hanging Rocks

Seneca Rocks



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