Illustrated Glossary
basin

an area of lowland surrounded by higher land
border

a boundary especially of a country or state
canyon

a narrow steep valley
Cardinal directions

North, South, East or West
climate

the weather conditions of a particular place or region over the four seasons of the year
coastline

the outline or shape of the land along the ocean
compass rose

a symbol that shows the directions - north, south, east, and west
continent

large land mass of which there are 7 on our planet
desert

a dry, sandy area, with few plants and little rainfall
equator

an imaginary horizontal line that goes around the middle of the earth and is equally distant from the north pole and the south pole; the equator divides the earth into the northern and southern hemispheres
the physical features of earth and their location; the natural parts of an area; a science that deals with the location of living and nonliving things on earth and the way they affect one another
globe

a model of the Earth
grid

a network of horizontal and vertical lines used to locate points or places
gulf

a part of the ocean that is partially surrounded by land
a rounded piece of earth that rises above the land but is smaller than a mountain
Intermediate direction

Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast
island

a piece of land that has water all around it
key/legend

MAP KEY

= Park

= Railroad

= Gas Station

= Road

= Campground

tells what the symbols on the map stand for
lake

a body of salt or fresh water that is surrounded by land
landform

a natural area that is part of the earth's surface
latitude

distance north or south from the equator measured in degrees
location

the exact place, limit, or position of something
longitude

distance measured by degrees east or west from the Prime Meridian
map
drawing or picture showing an area or where places are located; a bird’s eye view of an area
mountain

a large piece of earth or rock rising out of the land
ocean

a large body of salt water
parallels

lying or moving in the same direction but always the same distance apart; latitude or longitude lines
peninsula

land surrounded by water on 3 sides
plains

low, flat areas, usually with few trees
Prime Meridian

the meridian of 0 degrees longitude from which other longitudes are calculated
region

a part, portion, or area having no fixed boundaries
river

flow of water that goes to an ocean or lake
A proportion from which one can determine the actual size of something
time zone

one of the 24 longitudinal divisions of the earth from which time is measured
valley

area of low land with mountains or hills on either side, often having a river or stream along the bottom