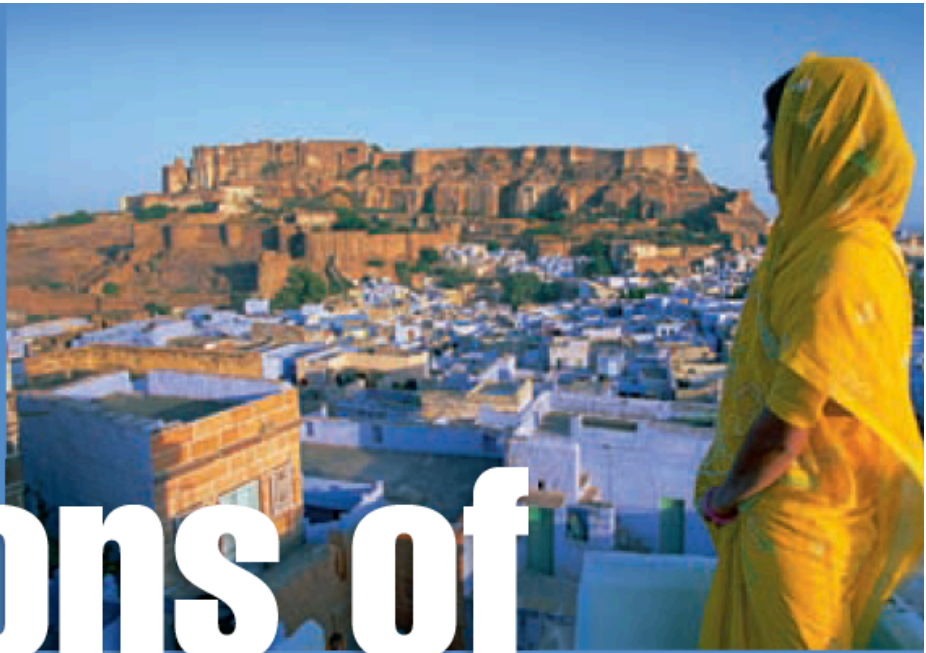


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Geographers divide the world into regions for study. Each region has something about it that makes it unique and different from other regions. The map on the next page shows the major regions of the world. Explore this map to begin your study of geography.

How to Use the Map

The map on the next page is a special kind of map. It has transparent overlays that show different features and regions of the world. You can look at each overlay separately, or you can look at them together to see how they are connected. Just follow the steps below.

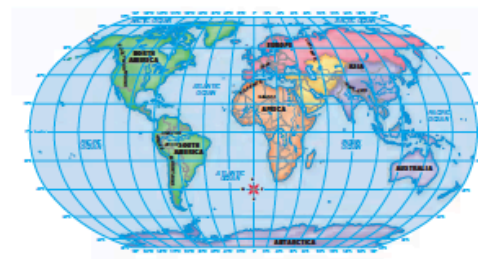
- 1 The Base Map** Start by lifting up all the transparent overlays and looking at only the base map. It shows the world's major oceans and seven continents, or large landmasses. What are the names of these continents? Where is each one located? Which oceans border each continent?



- 2 The First Overlay** Cover the base map with the first transparent overlay. It shows some of the world's major physical features, like rivers and mountains. First, study the rivers. Which rivers are shown? On which continents are they located? Next, look at the mountains. What mountain ranges can you see, and where are they?



- 3 The Second Overlay** Now cover the base map and first overlay with the second overlay. It shows the major regions of the world. The name of each region is listed at the bottom. Now, put it all together. What are the five regions shown? Which continents do they include, and where are they located? What are some major mountains and rivers found in each region? What oceans surround them? Finally, where are these major world regions located in relation to one another?



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