What is Geography?

Geography is the study of the Earth's surface. Continents like North America and South America are major land formations. Other land formations include:
- Peninsula - land surrounded on three sides by water
- Isthmus - a land bridge between two larger masses of land
• **Delta** - a fertile crescent of land built up at the mouth of a river

![Delta Image](image)

• **Plateau** - a high, flat mass of land

• **Strait** - a narrow body of water that connects two larger bodies of water

![Strait Image](image)

Oceans like the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean are major bodies of water. Other bodies of water include:

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• **Canal** - a waterway dug by humans

• **Gulf** - an inlet of the ocean extending into the land

• **Tributary** - a stream or river that flows into a larger river
Test Yourself on United States Geography!

Which mountain chain runs along the eastern spine of the United States?

a] Rocky Mountains  
b] Andes Mountains  
c] Catskill Mountains  
d] Appalachian Mountains

This is an imaginary line high in the Rocky Mountains. Water running down from this line runs west toward the Pacific Ocean or east toward the Atlantic Ocean.

a] Equator  
b] Tropic of Cancer  
c] Prime Meridian  
d] Continental Divide

This body of water is south of the United States and bordered by Cuba and Mexico.

a] Pacific Ocean  
b] Gulf of Mexico  
c] Indian Ocean  
d] Amazon River

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