

# CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD

## And Other Geographic Features!

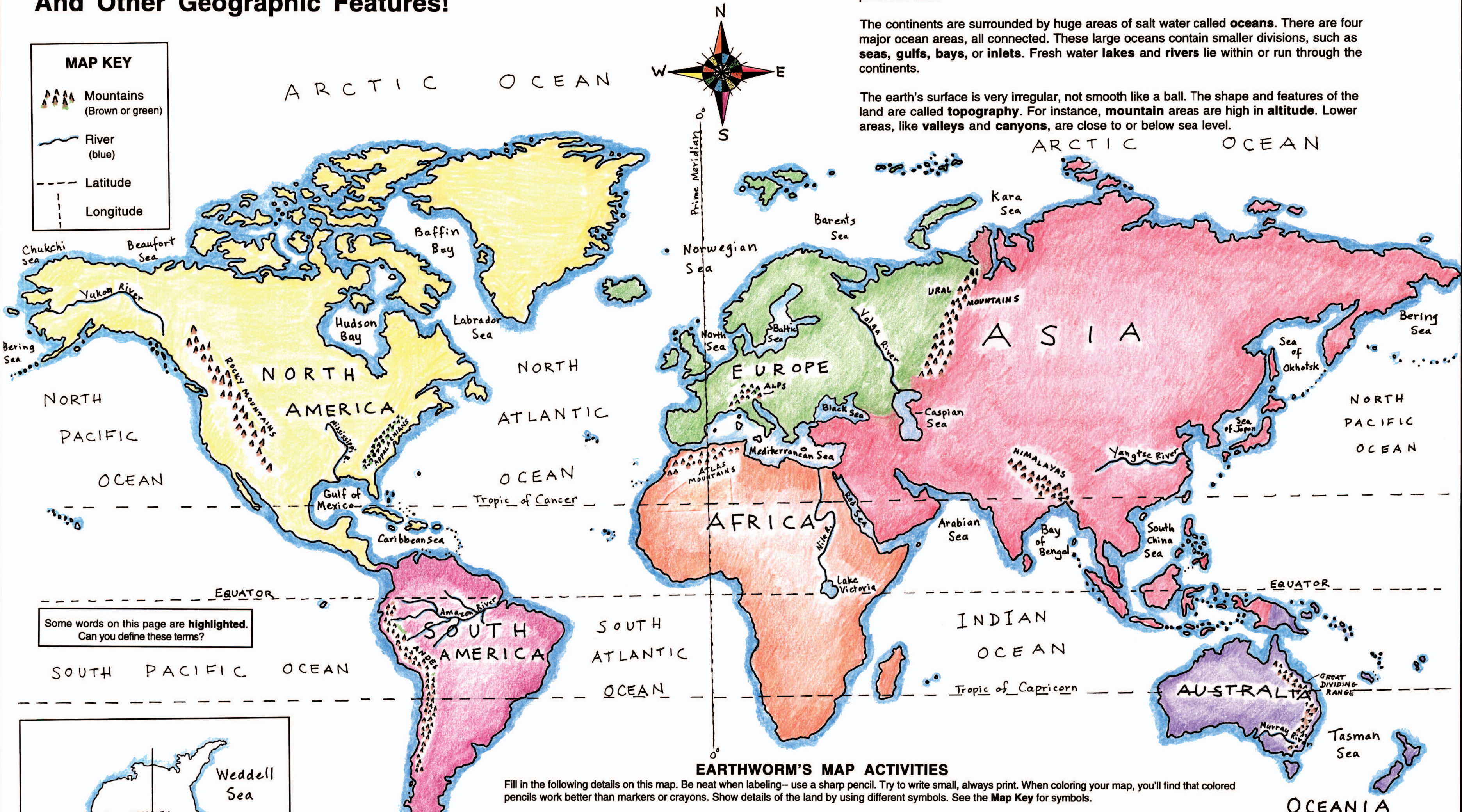
Welcome to the **World**! This simple map shows the outlines of the seven **continents**. The continents are all large masses of land, some **connected**, some **isolated**. For instance, **Asia** and **Europe** share one large mass of land. **Australia** and **Antarctica** are isolated pieces of land.

The continents are surrounded by huge areas of salt water called **oceans**. There are four major ocean areas, all connected. These large oceans contain smaller divisions, such as **seas**, **gulfs**, **bays**, or **inlets**. Fresh water **lakes** and **rivers** lie within or run through the continents.

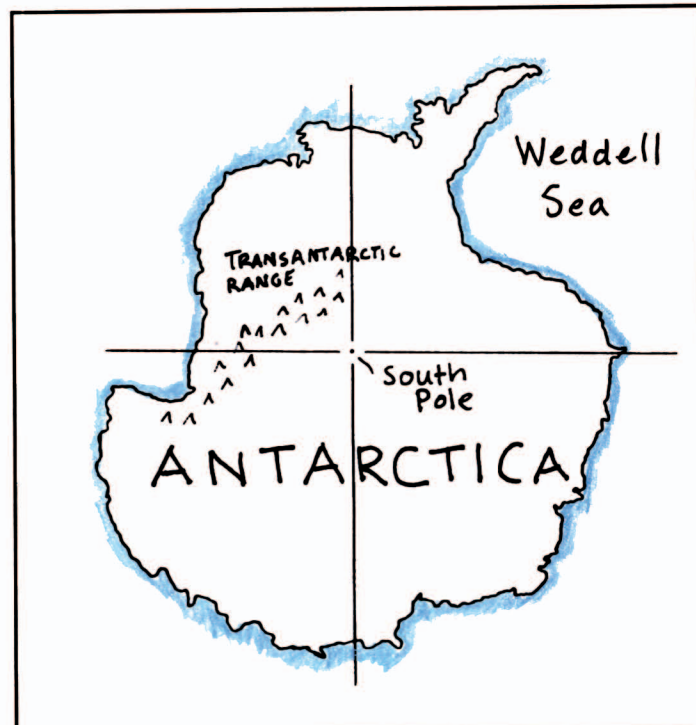
The earth's surface is very irregular, not smooth like a ball. The shape and features of the land are called **topography**. For instance, **mountain** areas are high in **altitude**. Lower areas, like **valleys** and **canyons**, are close to or below sea level.

**MAP KEY**

- Mountains (Brown or green)
- River (blue)
- Latitude
- Longitude



Some words on this page are **highlighted**. Can you define these terms?



Antarctica is located at the **South Pole**. It is very difficult to show it on a flat map along with the rest of the continents. Antarctica is often shown in an **inset**, like this, as if you were looking at it from directly above.

### EARTHWORM'S MAP ACTIVITIES

Fill in the following details on this map. Be neat when labeling-- use a sharp pencil. Try to write small, always print. When coloring your map, you'll find that colored pencils work better than markers or crayons. Show details of the land by using different symbols. See the **Map Key** for symbols.

- CONTINENTS**  
Label the continents with capital letters.  
NORTH AMERICA  
SOUTH AMERICA  
AFRICA  
EUROPE  
ASIA  
AUSTRALIA/Oceania  
ANTARCTICA
- OCEANS**  
Label the oceans with capital letters. Shade along coastlines with blue pencil.  
ATLANTIC  
PACIFIC  
ARCTIC  
INDIAN

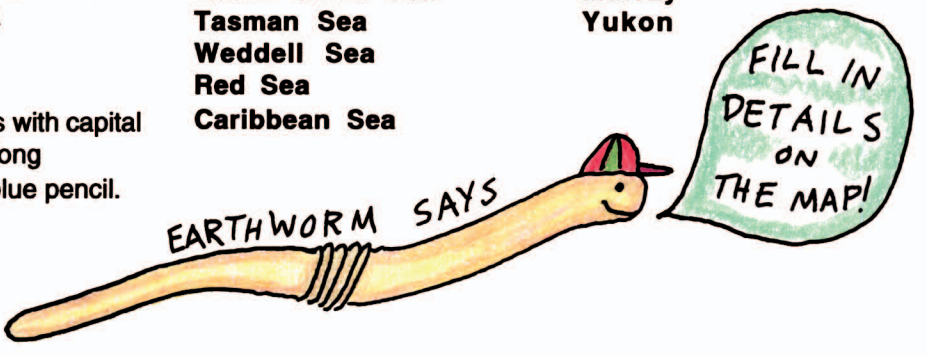
- BAYS AND SEAS**  
Label these smaller sections of ocean.  
Hudson Bay  
Gulf of Mexico  
North Sea  
Arabian Sea  
Bay of Bengal  
South China Sea  
Tasman Sea  
Weddell Sea  
Red Sea  
Caribbean Sea

- RIVERS**  
Draw in and label these rivers. Add other rivers if you like.  
Mississippi  
Amazon  
Nile  
Volga  
Yangtze  
Murray  
Yukon

- MOUNTAIN RANGES**  
The Rocky Mountains have been drawn in already. Draw in and label these other mountain ranges.  
Appalachians  
Andes  
Atlas  
Alps  
Himalayas  
Ural  
Great Dividing Range  
Transantarctic

- OTHER GEOGRAPHIC DETAILS**  
Draw in and label the following.  
Equator  
Tropic of Cancer  
Tropic of Capricorn  
Prime Meridian  
South Pole

- DECORATION**  
To add a decorative touch to your map, color the following.  
Continent title  
Earthworm (our mascot!)  
Compass Rose  
Add North, South, East and West to the points of the Compass Rose.



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