

# STUDY GUIDE FOR GLOBAL LITERACY TEST

scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **You should be able to list at least 4 advantages of using a globe and at least 3 advantages of using a flat map:**

*Challenge Version: Be able to write a well-organized paragraph explaining the advantages and disadvantages of using a globe vs. using a flat map.*

- ☐ **You should be able to list the 4 most common map projections**

*Challenge Version: Be able to explain the unique features (especially the strengths and weaknesses) of each of these map projections.*

- ☐ **You should be able to define the term "continent"**

- ☐ **You should be able to list the 4 characteristics that distinguish a continent from an island**

*Challenge Version: Be able to write a well-organized paragraph explaining why Australia is considered a continent while Greenland is considered an island.*

- ☐ **You should be able to list the major countries that divide the world into 7 continents and the major countries that divide the world into 6 continents**

*Challenge Version: Be able to explain the significance of the number of rings of the Olympic symbol including how the origins of the Olympics in Ancient Greece relate to this number.*

☐ **You should be able to explain Alfred Wegener's importance including the name of his theory, what evidence helped him arrive at his theory, when he first proposed his theory, and when his theory was ultimately accepted by the scientific community**

☐ **You should be able to label a blank world map with:**

**Seven Continents**

North America  
South America  
Europe  
Africa  
Asia  
Antarctica  
Australia

**Five Oceans**

Atlantic  
Arctic  
Indian  
Pacific  
Southern

**Map Terms**

Equator  
Tropic of Capricorn  
Tropic of Cancer  
Arctic Circle  
Antarctic Circle  
North Pole  
South Pole  
Prime Meridian

*Challenge Version: Start with a blank piece of paper and draw the continents.*

*Challenge Version: Be able to list exact latitude of Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer.*

☐ **You should be able to define the following terms:**

Latitude  
Atlas

Longitude  
Cartographer

International Date Line  
Topography

☐ **Given the latitude and longitude of a location, you should be able to find it on a map grid**

☐ **You should be able to identify the following on a map:**

Map Title  
Map Key

Compass Rose  
Locator

Map Scale  
Inset Map

*Challenge Version: Be able to define the above terms.*

☐ **You should be able to explain the following terms:**

Cardinal Directions

Intermediate Directions

Map Grid