

Landform Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Find a real world example of each landform in your atlas or textbook. Draw and color a picture of the landform using 2-3 colors only.

<u>PICTURE</u>	<u>WORD</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>	<u>EXAMPLE IN ATLAS</u>
	ARCHIPELAGO	a group or chain of islands	
	ATOLL	a ring of coral islands encircling a lagoon	
	BASIN	area drained by a river or land surrounded by higher elevations	
	BAY	an indentation in the shoreline of a sea or lake	
	CANAL	man-made waterway or artificially improved river for travel	
	CANYON	deep narrow valley with steep walls	
	CAPE	point of land that extends into a body of water	
	DELTA	flat, low lying land built from deposits of soil carried downstream and deposited at the mouth of a river	
	DEPRESSION	an area that is sunk below the surrounding area	
	DESERT	a dry area with sparse vegetation; receives less than 10 inches of precipitation in a year	
	ESCARPMENT	steep cliff or slope between higher and lower land surfaces	

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	HIGHLAND	elevated land - hills, mountains, plateaus	
	ISLAND	land area, smaller than a continent that is surrounded by water	
	ISTHMUS	a narrow stretch of land connecting two larger land areas	
	MOUNTAIN PEAK	pointed top of a mountain or a single mountain	
	MOUNTAIN RANGE	a series of connected mountains; land with steep sides that rises sharply from the surrounding land (1,000 feet)	
	PENINSULA	body of land surrounded by water on three sides	
	PLAIN	area of level land, usually at low elevation and often covered with grasses (see lowland)	
	PLATEAU	area of flat rolling land of high elevation (300-3,000 feet)	
	RIFT VALLEY	a crack in the earth's surface created by shifting	
	RIVER BASIN	the entire area drained by a river and its tributaries	
	TRIBUTARY	a stream that flows into a larger river	
	VALLEY	area of low land usually between hills or mountains	