

Why Geography is Important?

Globalization

1. **Explanation:** Globalization is when culture, economy, and politics become widespread to the point where it becomes a global matter. Humans begin to interact with other people and cultures that they wouldn't have if they stayed strictly in one place. Technology is also now allowing us to experience more of the world.
2. **Give a real life example:** A real life example of globalization are computers. Computers are made from different hardware parts which are made in different parts of the world. Computers allow people all around the globe to experience similar things and be more interactive with one another without being geographically close.
3. **Do you agree that this is important? Explain.** Yes, because geography helps us know more about the people we are interacting more and more with, especially in places we know very little about. That being said, simply understanding geography doesn't necessarily allow us to understand other people's culture. People's cultures are based on where they live but it would be ignorant of us to assume that's the only defining part of their culture.



Cultural Diversity

1. Explanation

Geography helps you understand the different cultures around the world and why people have those cultures. This helps you understand things going on around the world better. Cultural diversity is also important for military and government officials because it allows them to solve worldwide problems better.

2. Give a real life example

Indian Geography influenced the history of settlements and invasion into India; and thus India's culture as well.

3. Do you think this is important? Explain

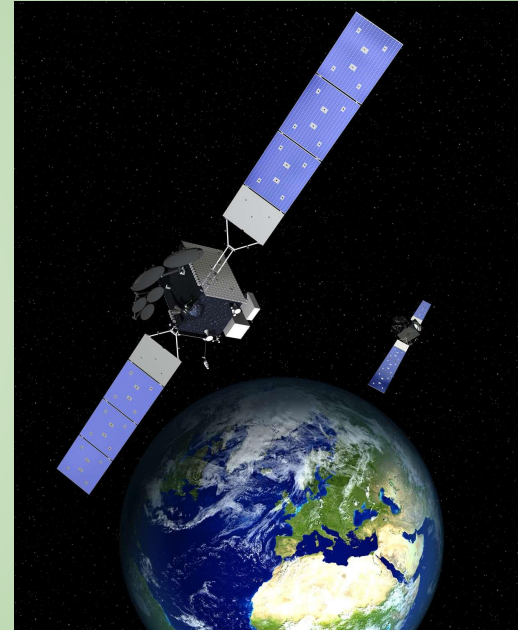
I think this is important because we're all able to greatly understand why different people act the way they do. Instead of basing your opinions based on stereotypes you can learn about the different religions, languages, and politics of different people and places.

This picture depicts the vastly different people having different cultures, interconnected in our world network.



Technology and the Internet

1. **Explanation:** Technology and the Internet relate to geography through the use of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and GPS (Global Positioning Systems). It allows people to have access to types of geographical information that connects people all throughout the world. Many decisions made today are made through computers or satellites.
2. **Example:** One example of using technology for geographical use is GPS(Global Positioning Systems), that intercept signals from satellites in space and figure out your location geographically, and shows the quickest route to your destination.
3. **Importance:** The knowledge of geography is not that important to understanding technology/the internet. The average person doesn't know that much about geography, yet still is able to easily use technology. Geography and technology are both important, but their impact on each other is only apparent in a few ways.



Business, Industry, and Social Services

1. Explanation

Industries use geography to find the best locations to reduce the cost of transporting raw materials and marketing products, increasing their profits.

2. Give a real life example

Kilwins chose a location at Stone Creek, due to the fact that many kids go there, so they would attract more customers.

3. Do you agree that this is important? Explain.

Yes. It is important that businesses and other services find the most beneficial location for their stores/products, both for the company and the customers.



Climate Change

1. Explanation:

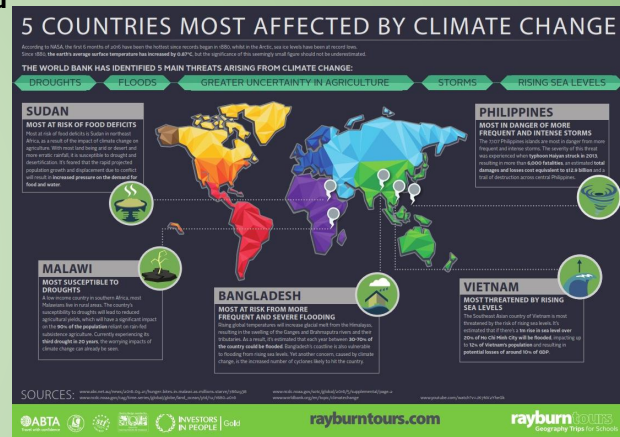
- a. Climate Change is a change in global/regional climate patterns over a significant period of time. Having a strong knowledge of geography will help determine how climate change will impact certain areas, and the steps we can take to help those areas thrive even through rough climate change. Geography provides us with information about a region's environment and location, which we can use to predict and combat climate change.

2. Give a real life example

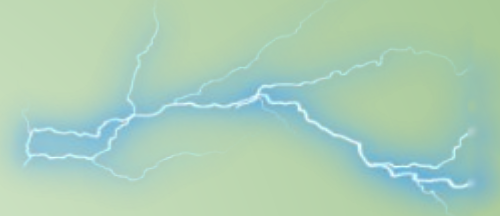
- b. Due to the ice caps melting at a faster rate the oceans are rising causing many coastal cities are at risk of flooding over and causing mass migration inland and the need for more land and how to set up new areas for human development and put mass amounts of people

3. Do you agree that this is important? Explain.

- c. We agree that geography is important for dealing with climate change. Some of the issues the degree increase has caused are rising sea levels due to melting polar ice caps and change in ecosystem's timing of important events such as egg hatching and flowering. We need to know where in the world these issues are occurring to see how they affect the rest of the earth's well being.



Energy



Solar panels next to a wind farm

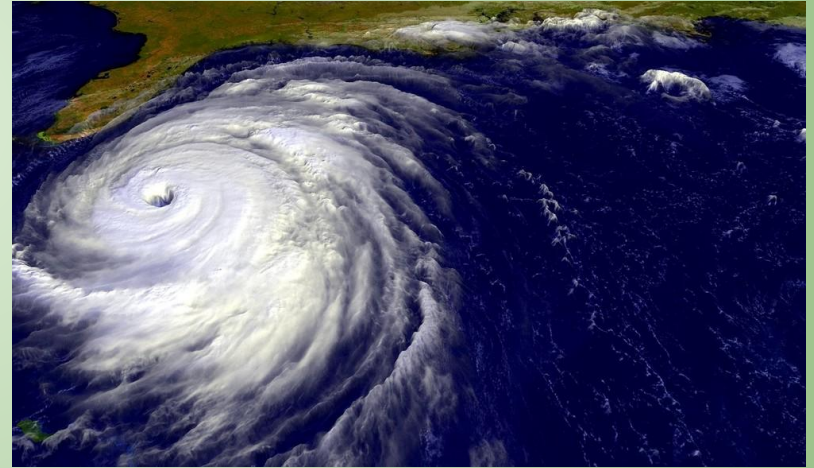


1. **Explanation**
 - a. Energy is an essential factor in the development of the world's economy. With the decline of fossil fuels, it is highly relevant to look into ways to distribute energy resources-both sustainable and unsustainable-effectively, These skills are achieved by knowledge of geography, which can take us to a new energy future.
2. **Give a real life example**
 - a. Geography students often have to split fields to achieve an equilibrium between food production and corn production for ethanol.
3. **Do you agree that this is important? Explain.**
 - a. Energy is important because it affects most of the population on a daily basis. It is an essential tenet of everyday life, and a knowledge of geography can help sustain even the most intense energy demands.

Natural and Technological Hazards

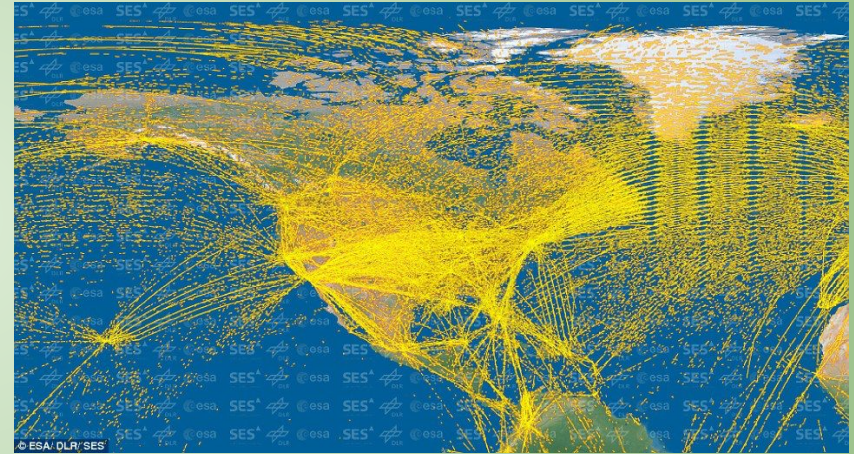
1. Explanation - Being in the path of destructive natural disasters is all dependent on where you live in the world. Understanding how where you live is affected by natural disasters helps areas small and large to develop warning systems, effective recovery plans, and strategies for managing emergencies. Also, realizing the effects of human pollution helps us regulate our interaction with the environment. This helps us realize the importance of our resources and care for the environment.
2. Give a real life example - Hurricane Katrina was proof of the terrible consequences that could happen when you live where natural hazards are likely to happen.
3. Do you agree that this is important? Explain.
We agree that this is important. It is important to be aware of it you are in the path of natural disasters. It is also important for technological hazards. It is important to know how your action to the environment affect people from all over the globe. Knowing geography might also help citizens make the best choices for the environment.

Picture!



Transportation

1. **Explanation:** Transportation is the movement of humans, animals and goods from one location to another. Transportation in geography is important because it links people and ideas from people around the world. Geography influences what type and what's best suited transportation for that type of area, such as railroads in country and highways in cities, and ports in coastal cities
2. **Give a real life example:** A ship needs to know where the most efficient route is for moving things from one location to the next.
3. **Do you agree with that this is important?** : Yes, because engineers, contractors and passengers need to understand the landscape to make the route for transportation to occur, and they need to know where they are going.



Employment- business, industry, and government

1. Explanation

Geography is used in many job fields and furthers the opportunities you can receive. Not only is geography used with work on GPS technology, it is also used in environmental, teaching, government and many other workforces. Understanding geography and being able to use it in your work is becoming much higher in demand as time goes on.

2. Give a real life example

Knowledge in geography will help someone prepare for a job in an environmental field (water, land, solid waste) and will provide opportunities in many job fields such as social services, real estate, travel, teaching, and in the government.

3. Do you agree that this is important? Explain.

Having an understanding in geography is an important tool when it comes to business, industry, and government. Anything from real estate to environmental fields all require an understanding of geography, and having a mastery of the skill will help you further excel.

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