

## Vocabulary words

**Bird's Eye View** – noun a view from a high angle as if seen by a bird in flight, drawn in part from the imagination

**Cartographer** - noun a person who makes maps

**Cartography** - noun the science or art of making maps

**Cartouche** - noun an ornate or ornamental frame with important descriptions found on a map

**Compass Rose** - noun a circle graduated to degrees or quarters and printed on a chart to show direction

**Contiguous** - adjective touching or connected in an unbroken series

**Cosmographers** - noun one who depicts or describes the world or universe as a whole system

**Dead reckoning** - noun calculation of the position of a ship or aircraft from the distance it has covered and the direction it has traveled without taking observations of the sun, stars, or moon

**Draftsman** - noun a person who is responsible for the detailed or technical drawings that are used to make maps, machines, buildings, etc.

**Embellish** - verb to decorate by adding special details and features

**Engraver** - noun a person who carves, cuts or etches into a metal plate used for printing

**Fathom** - noun a unit of length equal to six feet

**Galleon** - noun a heavy square-rigged sailing ship of the 15th to early 18th centuries used for war or commerce especially by the Spanish

**Globe gore** - noun a triangular or tapered segment of material representing a section of a globe

**Latitude** - noun east-west parallel lines that encircle the earth north and south of the equator

**Longitude** - noun north-south lines that converge at the North and South poles and are measured in degrees east and west of the prime meridian

**Mercator Map** – makes land appear larger the farther away it is from the equator – Greenland looks as large as Africa. (Scholastic, 2013)

**Meridian** - noun an imaginary great circle on the earth's surface passing through the North and South geographic poles

**Parallels** - noun one of the imaginary circles on the surface of the earth paralleling the equator and marking the latitude;

**Prime meridian** - noun a meridian used as a reference line from which longitude east and west is measured – 0 degrees. Since 1884, most cartographers place the Prime Meridian in Greenwich England.

**Promontory** – noun a high point of land or rock projecting into a body of water

**Transcontinental** - adjective extending or going across a continent