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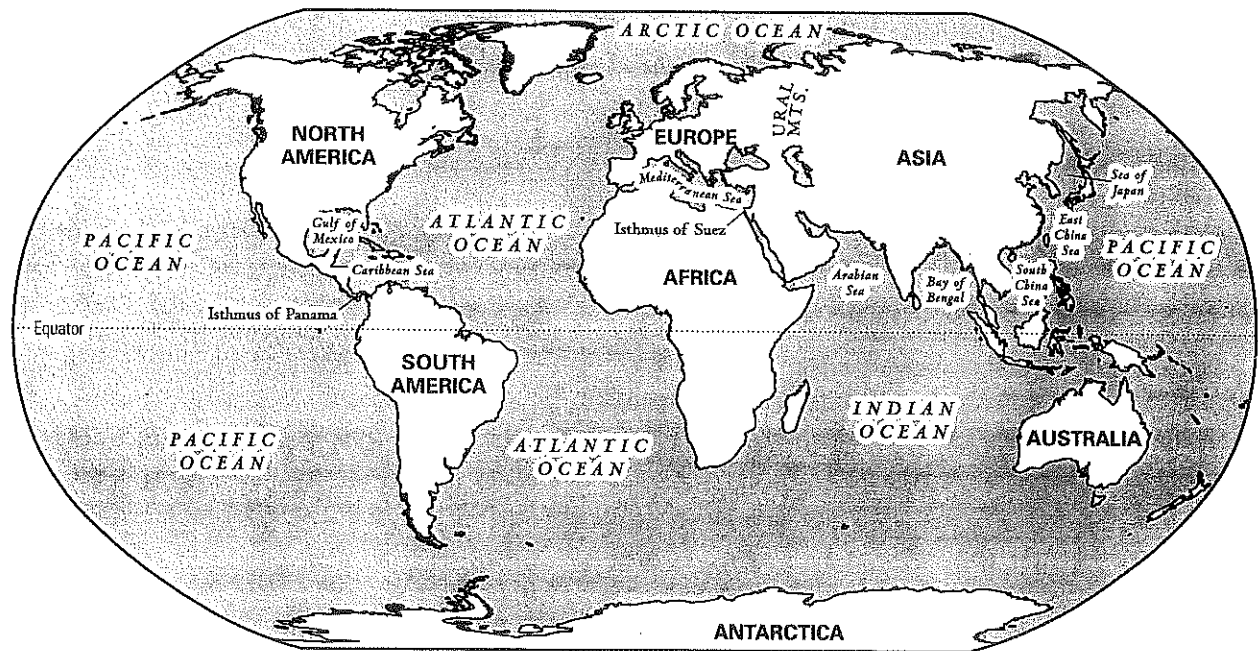
GEOGRAPHY SKILLS

Recognizing Continents
and Oceans

GEOGRAPHICAL THEME: REGION

The largest land masses on earth are called **continents**. Two of these continents—Australia and Antarctica—are not connected to other land masses. The continents of North and South America are connected to each other by a narrow piece of land called an isthmus. Europe and Asia, however, share one large land mass. The line that divides them is not as well defined as the borders defining the other continents.

Most of the earth—71 percent of its surface—is covered by salt water. Large sections of this body of water are called **oceans**. The four main oceans are the Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, and Indian Oceans. Smaller bodies of water are called **seas**, as in the South China Sea and Arabian Sea. Study the map below and answer the questions.



1. What are the seven continents? _____
2. Where is most of the earth's land mass—north or south of the equator? _____
3. Which ocean would you cross traveling from Australia to Africa? _____
4. What sea lies between Africa and Europe? _____