

Chapter 1 Vocabulary

- ▲ geography - the study of our physical and cultural surroundings
- ▲ globe - most accurate map of Earth
- ▲ latitude - how far a place is from the equator, measured in degrees
- ▲ longitude - how far a place is from an imaginary line called the prime meridian, measured in degrees
- ▲ geographic terms - name different landforms and bodies of water
- ▲ physical features - important parts of the Earth's surface (mountains, rivers, plains)
- ▲ compass - An instrument (tool) used for finding directions.
- ▲ landforms - masses of land; such as continents, islands, and peninsulas
- ▲ sea - a body of salt water smaller than an ocean

▲ lake - a body of fresh water surrounded by land

▲ source - beginning of a river

▲ mouth - where a river empties into a larger body of water

▲ tributary - a smaller stream that feeds into a river

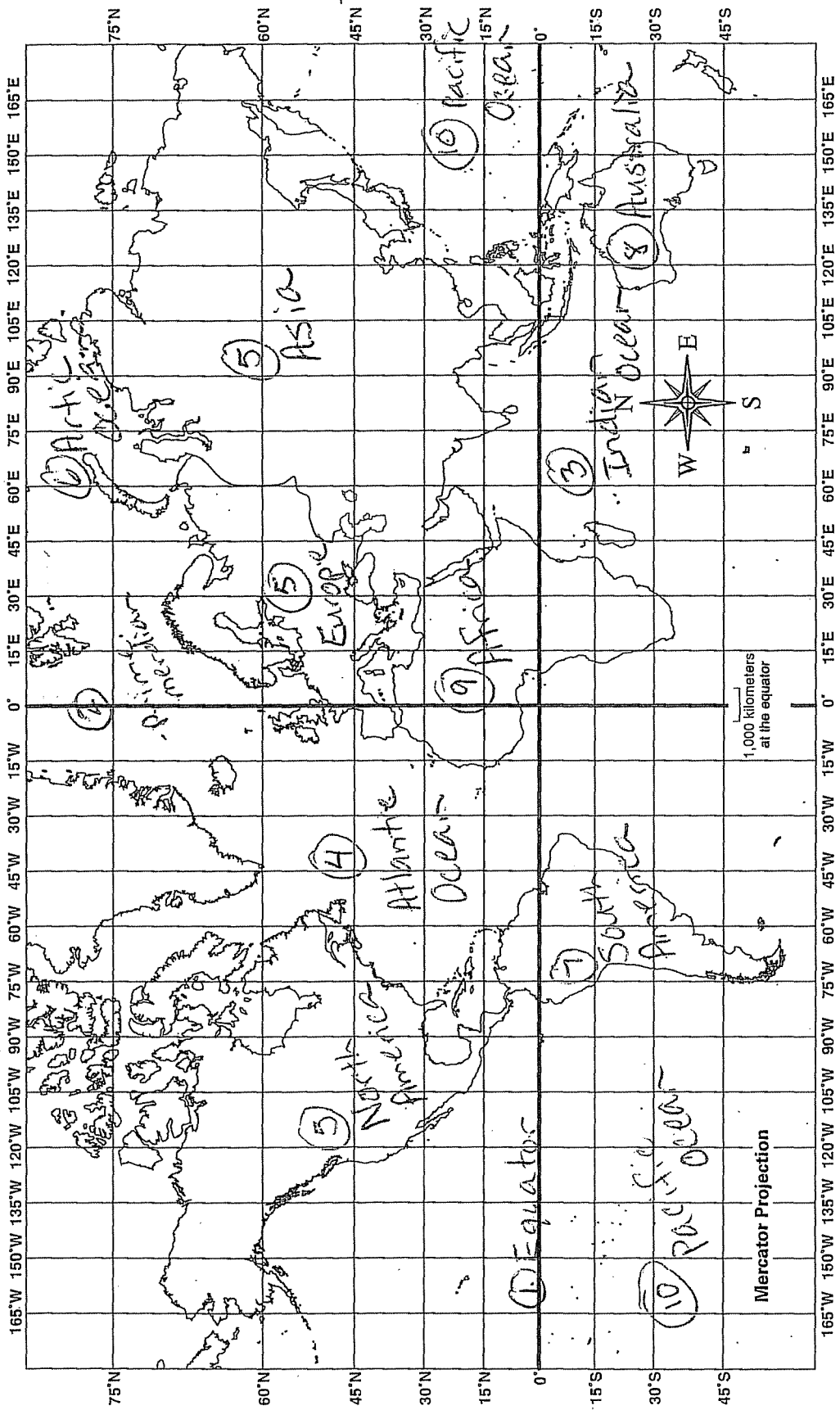
▲ mountains - have steep sides and rise at least 2000 feet above sea level

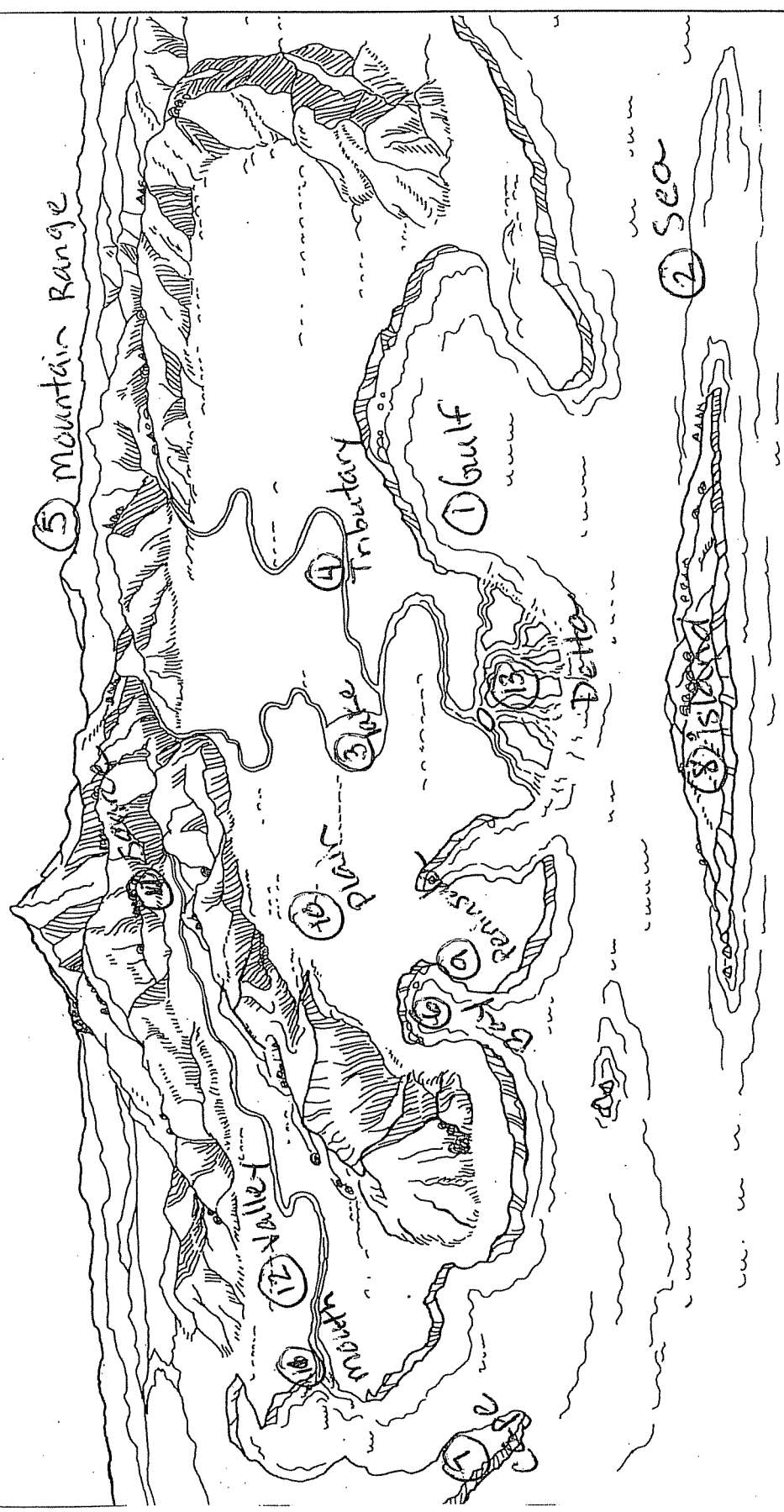
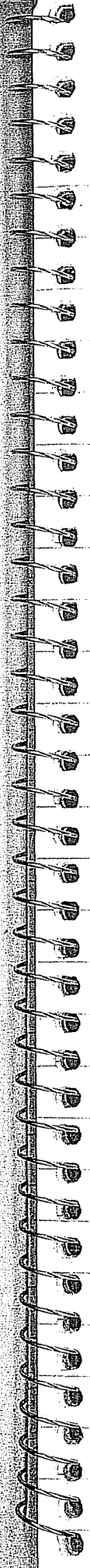
▲ plains - land that is mostly flat with few trees

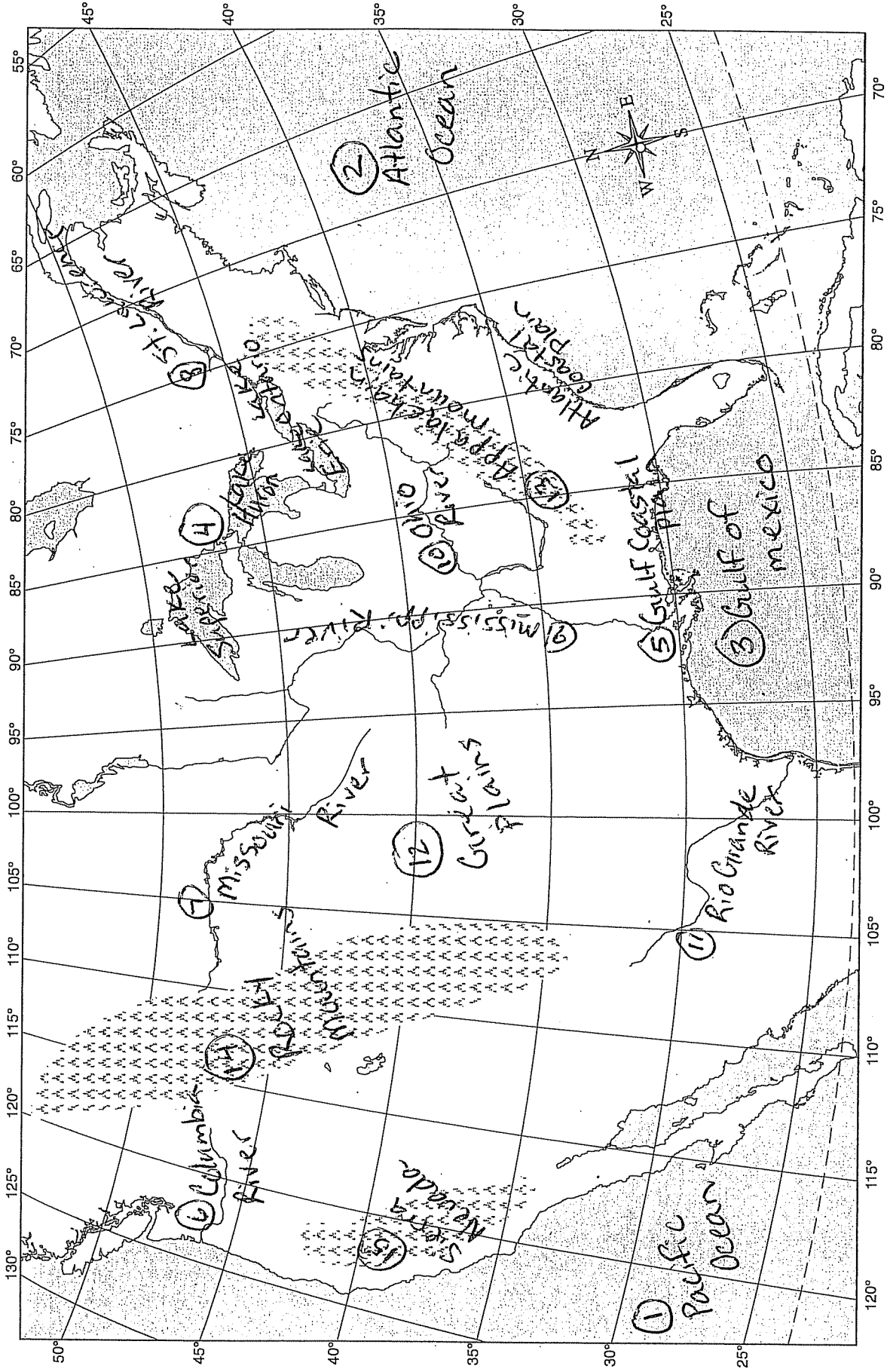
▲ peninsula - surrounded by water on 3 sides

▲ island - completely surrounded by water

▲ valley - low area between mountains or hills







0 500 miles
0 500 kilometers

Lambert's equal-area

