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## Chapter 1: How Geographers look at the World

### Assessing Background Knowledge

**Directions:** Based on what you already know about how geographers look at the world, match the term in the left column with its corresponding description in the right column.

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| _____ 1. ecosystem                             | a. link people and places based on their locations and relationships to each other   |
| _____ 2. spatial relationships                 | b. helps readers interpret information on a map by indicating the four cardinal directions                                     |
| _____ 3. map projection                        | c. the ways in which political processes and spatial environments interact and affect one another                              |
| _____ 4. site                                  | d. a shift from a previous condition   |
| _____ 5. direct observation and remote sensing | e. methods used by geographers to gather information on people and places  |
| _____ 6. fluctuation                           | f. markings on a globe or map that run in a north-to-south direction, but measure distance east and west of the Prime Meridian |
| _____ 7. political geography                   | g. a mathematical formula used to represent the curved surface of the Earth on the flat surface of a map                       |
| _____ 8. compass rose                          | h. the variation in elevation across an area of Earth's land   |
| _____ 9. relief                                | i. a community of plants and animals that depend upon each other and their surroundings for survival                           |
| _____ 10. elevation                            | j. the specific location of a place, including its physical setting  |
| _____ 11. lines of longitude                   | k. the height of a land surface above the level of the sea   |