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Social Studies- Grade: 4- Note Taking

Topic: Where is The Bahamas? Part B

Lines of Longitude and Latitude

The Bahamas is east of North America.

The closest state to the Bahamas is Florida.

The Bahamas is an **archipelago**.

An **archipelago** is a group of islands near each other or close to each other.

Another way we can find The Bahamas on a map is to use lines of latitude and longitude. Lines of latitude and longitude are imaginary lines drawn around the earth. These lines are numbered in degrees.

Lines of latitude

- imaginary lines parallel to the equator.
- are lines numbered in degrees running north or south of the equator.

Examples of Lines of latitude are:

a. Tropic of Cancer- Latitude- 23 ½ ◦- passes Long Island and Exuma cays.

b. Equator- 0◦- cuts earth in two halves.

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Lines of longitude

- imaginary lines that join the North Pole to the South Pole.
- are lines numbered in degrees running west or east of the **Prime Meridian** - 0◦ which runs through **England**.

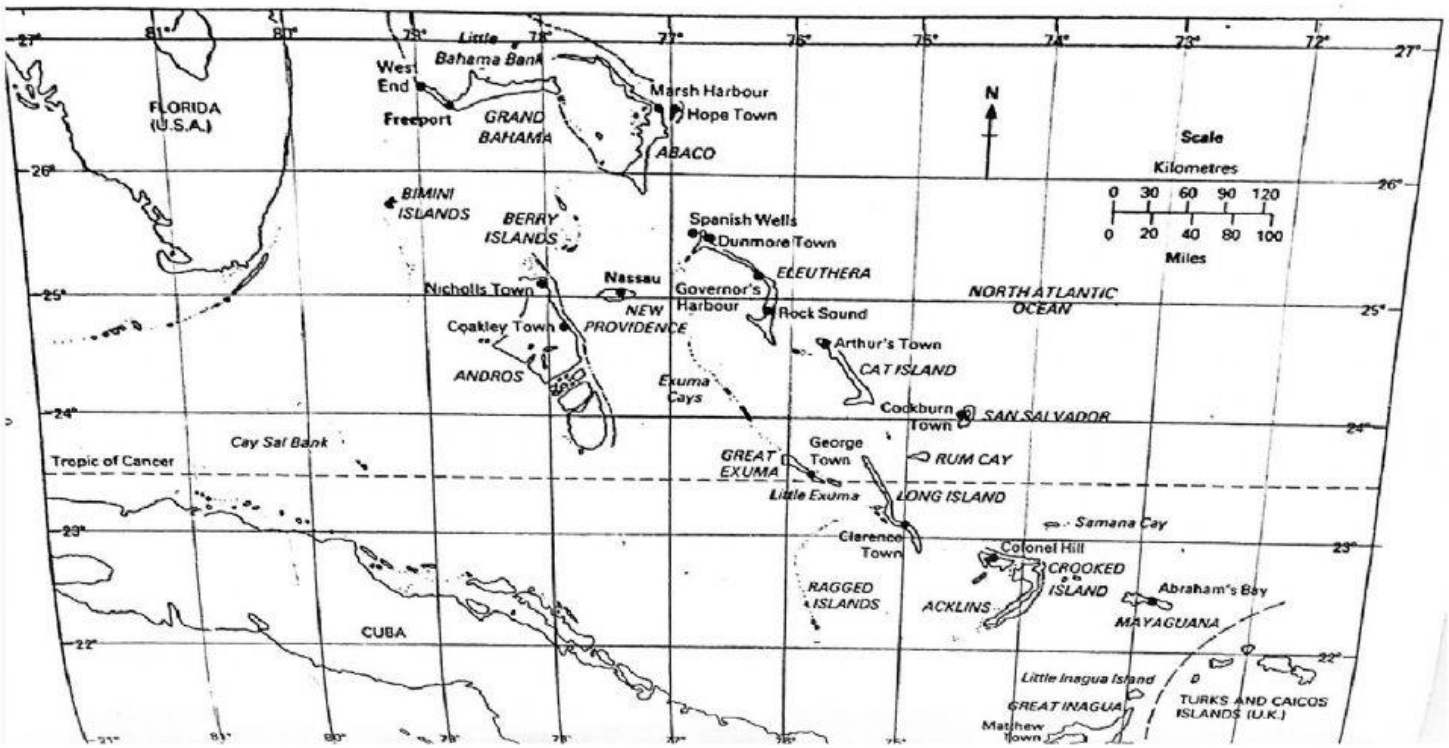
Example of a Line of longitude is:

Prime Meridian 0◦- cuts earth in two halves.

The Bahamas islands are positioned:

1. Latitude - between latitude 20◦ North and latitude 28◦ North
2. Longitude - between longitudes 72◦ West and 80◦ West.

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