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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-  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ - passes Long Island and Exuma cays.

b. Equator-  $0^{\circ}$ - cuts earth in two halves.

### 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** -  $0^\circ$  which runs through **England**.
- Example of a Line of longitude is:  
**Prime Meridian**  $0^\circ$ - cuts earth in two halves.

The Bahamas islands are positioned:

1. Latitude - between latitude  $20^\circ$  North and latitude  $28^\circ$  North
2. Longitude - between longitudes  $72^\circ$  West and  $80^\circ$  West.

