Study Guide: Unit 1-2 Americas

1) Physical geography is the study of \_the land\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 example is: mountains, lakes, rivers, forests

2) Human geography is the study of \_people\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 example is: jobs, cities, buildings/living conditions, history, religion and culture

3) Name the 5 Themes of Geography and describe each one.

1. Location: where something is

2. Place: why is the place important

3. Regions: places that look the same

4. Movement: how and why things and people move

5. Human-Environment Interaction: how people use environment

4) Know these terms:

-Erasthosthenes: Father of Geography; Greek; figured out the circumference of the Earth

-Cartography: study of map making

-Revolution of the earth: earth going around the sun

-Tilt: angle of the earth’s axis

-Archipelago: group of islands

-Isthmus: narrow strip of land connected to two larger land masses

-Banana Republic: an economy or a government based on one crop like bananas!

-Culture: set of beliefs, values and practices that a group of people have in common

7) What does a meteorologist study? weather

11) How would building a shopping mall in a jungle ecosystem affect the plants and animals there? Explain.

12) Name 1 natural resource; why is it important?

13) Name two types of government. Democracy, monarchy, tyranny, dictatorship

15) What is population density? Which has higher population density: Japan or Russia? Amount of people in a square mile

16) Know key geographical features of the U.S. and where they are.

* Great Lakes, Mississippi River, Great Plains, Rocky Mountains, Appalachian Mountains
* Know 3 resources (your choice)

17) Know major geographical features and 3 resources (your choice) of Canada: Canada: map and resources, today major cities: Costal Mountains, Mackenzie Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Interior Plains, Canadian Shield, Hudson Bay.

18) Know major geographical features of Mexico:

-4 Mountain ranges (where are they?); what are 3 resources from Mexico

19) Know basics about Mexican civilization/history:

-Maya

-Aztec

-Spanish vs. Aztecs and Moctezuma II

20) Know basics about Central American history:

-Maya

-Europeans and tobacco and sugarcane

-Panama independent from Colombia

Belize independent from Britain

21) Know basics about Caribbean Islands history:

-Christopher Colombus

-Colonies and sugarcane plantations

-why did Europeans take slaves from Africa?

-Creole

22) Know 1 country (other than your own) from the presentations:

-interesting fact, who they got their independence from and what we can pray for

23) Study notes from class.