Geography

- **Definition:** The study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and of human activity as it affects and is affected by these.

- The geography of a place includes many different things:
  1. Climate (Is it a desert? Does it get a lot of rain?)
  2. Location (the location of a place plays a large part in its history)
  3. Landforms (the shape of the land)
  5. Natural Resources (NOT CROPS!! Water, grass, flat land, oil, natural gas, minerals, wind, etc.)
“Walk” Across Texas

- Get out the sheet with the funny looking line drawn across it
- This is Texas from EAST to WEST
- We will use that diagram to explore the Geography of Texas (Location, Landforms, Vegetation, Climate and Natural Resources)
- As we go through the power point, you will need to write everything you see written and draw everything you see drawn
Middle Latitudes: Texas is about midway between the equator and the North Pole. That means we generally have a warm, mild climate.

In Texas, as you travel from east to west, the LAND gets HIGHER and the CLIMATE gets DRIER!!
Geography and Economic Activity

Answer questions 1-4 at the bottom of your “Walk Across Texas” sheet (answer in complete sentences... write the question)

- What is the relationship between a place’s geography and its economic activity?
1. What is geography?
2. What is an economic activity?
3. How are they related?
4. Provide AT LEAST 3 examples we talked about during our “Walk Across Texas” (How could people make money using the natural resources we labeled in our “walk”?)
Discussion Questions

- What do you notice about the amount of precipitation Texas gets as you travel from east to west?
- What did you notice about how the vegetation of Texas changes as you travel from east to west?
- What do you think caused that change in the vegetation?
- What do you notice about the climate as you move across Texas from east to west?
- What do you notice about the elevation as you move across Texas from east to west?
Paragraph Assignment

- On the bottom-back of your notes, answer the follow question using APE. This will be taken up for a grade before you leave today.
  - In Texas, what is the relationship between elevation, precipitation and natural vegetation as you travel from east to west?