Second Grade Social Studies  
Study Guide-Unit 2 & 3

**Geography**

**Maps**

2.5 The student will develop map skills by:

a.) locating the equator, the seven continents, and the five oceans on maps and globes;
b.) locating selected rivers (James River, Mississippi River, Rio Grande, Huang He, Nile River), mountain ranges (Appalachian Mountains and Rocky Mountains), and lakes (Great Lakes) in the United States and other countries.

2.6 The student will demonstrate map skills by constructing simple maps, using title, map legend, and compass rose.

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**SOL 2.5 and 2.6**

**Key Terms**

*Map*: A flat drawing that shows what places look like from above and where they are located  
*Globe*: A round model of the Earth  
*Equator*: An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth  
*Continent*: A large body of land on Earth  
*Ocean*: A large body of water that take up most of the Earth’s surface  
*Symbol*: A picture or thing that stands for something else  
*Cardinal directions*: The directions of north, east, south, and west  
*Map legend or Map Key*: A list of shapes and symbols used on a map and an explanation of what each stands for  
*Compass Rose*: A symbol that shows direction (North, South, East, West)  
*Title*: The name of a kind of map  
*River*: A large stream of natural water emptying into an ocean, lake, or other body of water  
*Region*: Any large space or surface; An area  
*Mountain Range*: A large group of mountains stretching across several states
Key Facts

* Students need to be able to find the 7 continents (North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Antarctica) and the 5 oceans (Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Southern) on a map of the world. A sample map is attached.

* Students need to be able to find the selected rivers (James River, Mississippi River Grande) and the Great Lakes on a map of the United States.

* Students need to be able to find the selected mountain ranges (Appalachian Mountain Range, Rocky Mountain Range) on a map of the United States.

* Sample maps are attached
Continents and Oceans of the World