**Geography Final Study Guide**

**The items below are on your test. If you know each of these items you should do well on your final. It is all multiple choice. You will also complete a mental map.**

**What is Geography? Why is it important?**

**Mental, political, & physical maps**

**Latitude/Longitude:** How to find them and what they are. Also know the zero degree lines for each

 -Lat. is flat, Long. Is tall

 -Prime Meridian & Equator

**Absolute/ Relative Location**—Know the location of the Arctic Circle, Tropics, Equator etc.

**Map Parts:** Legend, compass rose, scale and what they are used for

 -Map distortion: 2 ways that maps can be distorted

**What causes seasons on the earth?** Tilt and rotation

 -Solstice

 -Equinox

 -Arctic Circle

 -Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn

\*\*\*What are the above items and how do they work?

**Climate types and characteristics:**

-Orographic effect

-Ocean currents

-Global warming

-Know ALL climate types (Highland, Arid, Tropical wet, etc.)

**How to read climate graphs, maps, and population pyramids**

**Settlement:** Why do people settle where they settle?? Things that influence settlement:

**Landforms, Location, Climate, Resources, Trade, Defense:**

-Landforms—know the different landform types

-Natural resources: renewable vs. non-renewable



**Plate tectonics, weathering, and erosion**

**Demography:** Birth, Death, Literacy etc.

-Population pyramids

-Globalization

-MDCs vs. LDCs

**Population Issues:**

-Urbanization/Favelas (Also know what Primate Cities are)

-Indian Slums

-China’s One-Child Policy

**Movement:**

-Migration (emigrant vs. immigrant)

-Push/pull factors

-Immigration

-Drug Trafficking

**Government/Economic Types:**

-Government: Communism, Totalitarian, Democracy, Anarchy, etc) KNOW GOVERNMENT TYPES!!

-Economic Systems: Command vs. Market Economies (Capitalism, Socialism, Communism)

****-Communism in Russia:

-Explain the different between Communism, Capitalism, and Socialism

 -Who makes the decisions?

 -Who owns the means of production?

 -Lenin, Stalin

 -History of: Czars, Anastasia, Revolution

-Traditional, Market (Capitalism), Mixed (Socialism), Command (Communism)

-Know how each functions, similarities and differences between them

**Culture:**

-Definition, examples of culture traits

-Diffusion (how culture spreads)

-Acculturation, Assimilation

-Innovation

-Traditionalism vs. Fundamentalism

**World Religions: Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism:**

-Know the major beliefs of each religion, as well as how they are alike and different from each other

-Religious Conflicts: N. Ireland Bloody Sunday

-(Catholics vs. Protestants)

-Israel (Muslims vs. Jews)

**Human-Environment Interaction:**

-Deforestation/Rainforest

 -Why is the Rainforest valuable?

 -Results of deforestation

-Desalinization (Middle East)

 -Benefits/Downfalls

 -Why do it?

-Desertification (Sahara Desert)

 -Define and give causes