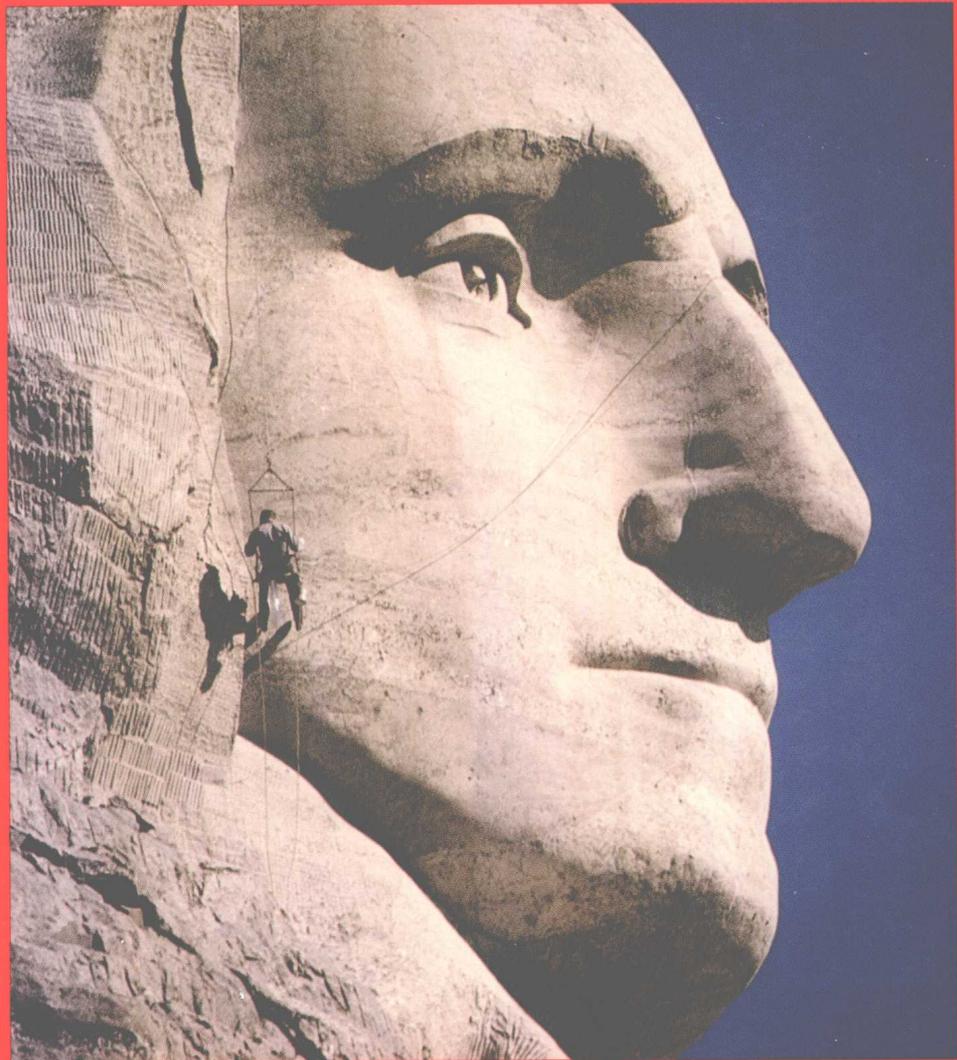


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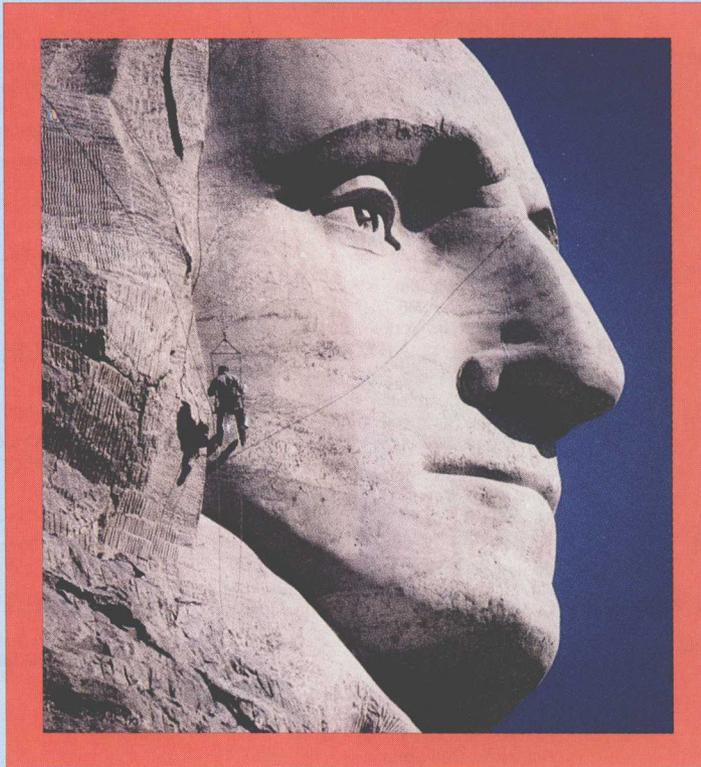
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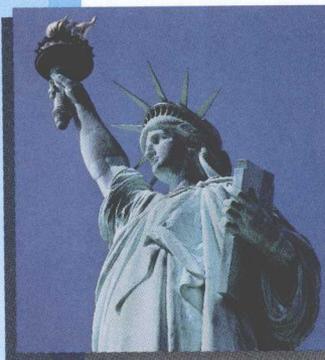
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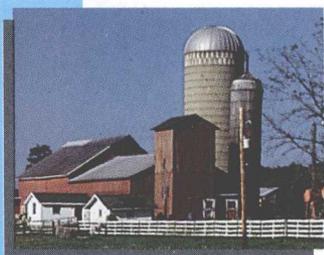
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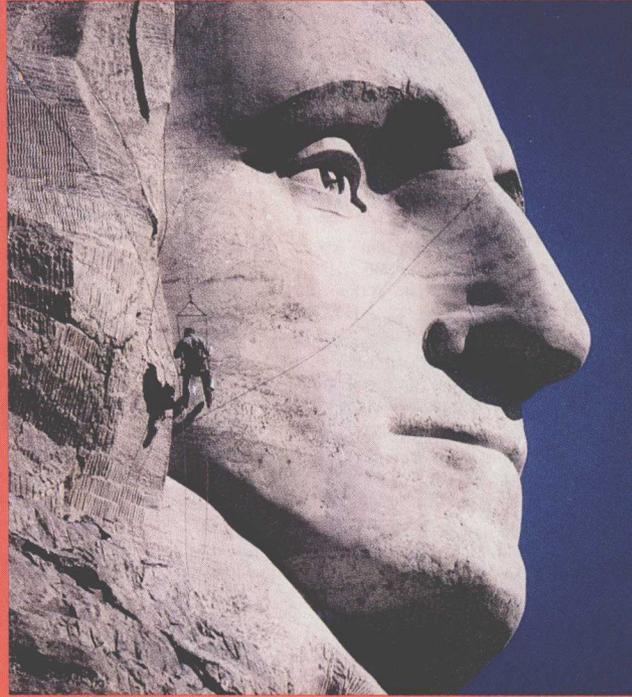
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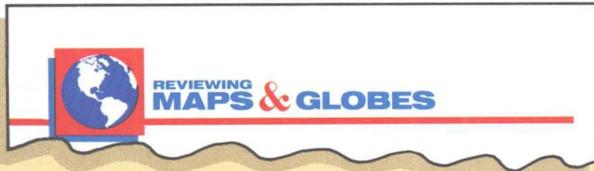
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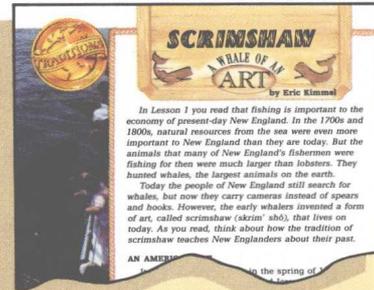
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## REVIEWING MAPS AND GLOBES

Reviews skills that will help you use the maps in your book



## TRADITIONS

Lessons which give you a deeper understanding into the cultures of the regions you are studying

**What is Geography?**

**Key Vocabulary**  
 geography environment  
 geographer region

What do you think of when you hear the word **geography** (jé og' ré lé)? Many people think of maps and globes. Some people think of mountains, valleys, and deserts. These are all part of the study of geography, but geography is also much more. Geography is the study of the earth and the different kinds of things on it.

But how can **geographers**, who are people who study geography, learn about such a broad subject? One way that geographers organize their work is to use the Five Fundamental Themes of Geography. You can think of these themes as clues that will help you learn about geography. These five themes are shown in the chart below.

## FIVE FUNDAMENTAL THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

Introduces important themes of geography that will help you to compare, to contrast, and to understand the regions and people you are studying

## LESSON OPENER

Important vocabulary, people, and places introduced in the lesson

Lesson introduction

Asks you to think about what you already know from previous lessons or your own experience

Question you should keep in mind as you read the lesson

**LESSON**

## 2 The Winter at Valley Forge

**READ TO LEARN**

<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	<b>Key People</b>	<b>Key Places</b>
American Revolution independence	George Washington Baron von Steuben	Valley Forge

**Read Aloud**

*Over the hills with heart we go  
 To fight the proud insulting foe.  
 Our country calls and we'll obey—  
 Over the hills and far away..*

In the late 1770s American soldiers sang this song as they marched through the New England colonies. Many wore torn clothing and some had no shoes, but onward they marched. Each knew he might have to give up his life to win freedom for his country. Many of them did.

**Read for Purpose**

- WHAT YOU KNOW:** What is the climate of the Northeast in the winter?
- WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:** How did the winter at Valley Forge help America win independence?





# 5 FUNDAMENTAL THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

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including you! Geography includes types of land, bodies of water, weather, plant and animal life, human life, and what happens because of the activity of people on the earth. Geography can also affect what you eat, wear, and even the kind of home you live in.

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THEME	
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where is it? How can we describe where it is with numbers or words?</li> </ul>
Description of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a place like? What features of a place came from nature? What features came from people?</li> </ul>
People and Their Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are people's lives shaped by the place in which they live? How has a place been shaped by people's activities?</li> </ul>
Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How and why do people move from one place to another? How and why do things and ideas move from one place to another?</li> </ul>
Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do common features make places similar?</li> </ul>

