Chapter 1: Basic Concepts of Geography

Language Objective: Students will answer the questions in complete sentences using the academic language:

**Key Issue 2: Why Is Each Point on Earth Unique?**

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1. What are the three things geographers consider when describing the position of something on Earth’s surface?
2. Define ***toponym:***
3. Identify **four** ways in which places can receive names
4. Define ***site:***
5. List some ***site characteristics:***
6. Complete the following sentence about site:
   1. “Humans have the ability to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the characteristics of a site.
7. Define ***situation:***
8. How is situation a valuable way to indicate location ?
9. How has Shanghai benefited from its situation?
10. Finish the sentence: Many locations are important because they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. A ***region*** is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ defined by one or more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. One contemporary (current) approach to studying the cultural landscape is called the ***regional studies approach.*** What do geographers who adopt this view believe regarding regions?
13. What are the three ways geographers identify regions?
14. Complete the chart below which details types of regions identified by geographers:

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|  | **Formal Region** | **Functional Region** | **Vernacular Region** |
| Also Called |  |  |  |
| Definition |  |  |  |
| Example |  |  |  |

1. Define the word **CULTURE**.
2. What **two** meanings of culture do geographers study within regions to understand why regions in the world are unique?
3. List and define the three cultural traits geographers focus on to understand “what people care about”?
4. What is the difference between developing countries and developed countries?