

**AIM: IS GEOGRAPHY DESTINY?**

*"If a man cannot control his environment, the environment will control man."*

**MYSTERY AREA "A"**

- 1. There are rugged mountains ~~COVERING~~ southern and western sections.
- 2. There is a desert in the north and in the west.
- 3. It is bordered by a major ocean.
- 4. There are 3 major river systems which are long and navigable.
- 5. It has a wide range of latitudes.
- 6. The south has a lot of rainfall and a warmer climate.
- 7. Resources include coal, oil, tin, iron ore, and uranium.
- 8. The coastline is long and irregular.

<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>

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Directions: For each of the mystery areas below, Read the facts given, if it is an advantage write a plus (+) in the space. Write a minus (-) if it is a disadvantage.

### MYSTERY AREA "B"

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Has a huge desert in north.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Has a smooth coastline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The rivers have many rapids and waterfalls. Many inland rivers never reach the sea.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. There is a small area of tropical rainforest in the center of this area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Less than 30% of the soil is good and erosion is common.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The land offers rich resources, such as, uranium, gold, copper, diamonds, and many animal resources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Much of this area is located in the tropics where tsetse flies and mosquitoes are common.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Rainfall throughout the continent is uneven. In some areas rainfall is heavy and in others there is very little to none.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. It is a vast area, which includes many different latitudes.

### MYSTERY AREA "C"

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Most this area has a temperate climate (not too hot, not too cold) like New York.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. It is very small in land area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. It has very few natural resources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. It is an island nation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The rivers are short and not navigable. (able to be sailed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Half of the area has forests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. It is 85% mountains.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The area has many deep water ports.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. It is surrounded by rich fishing areas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The area has volcanoes, earthquakes, and typhoons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. It's rivers are very swift flowing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Less than 20% of the land can be used for farming.

## MYSTERY AREA "D"

1. Much of this area is rainforest, mountains, and desert.
2. Much of it is located near the equator.
3. The area has many natural resources. This areas grows coffee (60% of the world's), bananas (60%), and sugar cane(25%).
4. It has three major river systems.
5. The eastern coastline is irregular, and the western coastline is regular and shallow.
6. It is a vast area.
7. It has great variations in latitude and landforms resulting in a diversity of climate
8. A lowland area contains fertile agricultural soil and is also used for cattle production.

## MYSTERY AREA "E"

1. Has a large area of plains extending 1,200 miles.
2. It has many streams and navigable rivers.
3. The coastline is long and irregular.
4. There is plentiful rainfall.
5. There is a large range of latitudes.
6. Resources (oil, coal, natural gas, iron ore) are not evenly distributed throughout the area.
7. It is in a strategic (central) location.
8. Some ports are frozen for parts of the year.

## MYSTERY AREA "F"

1. It has a wide range of latitudes.
2. There are several major river systems which are long and navigable.
3. The coastlines are long and irregular.
4. There are desert and mountain areas in the west and southwest.
5. There is a vast central plain.
6. Abundant natural resources include oil, coal, uranium, and iron.
7. It is bordered on two sides by large bodies of water.