

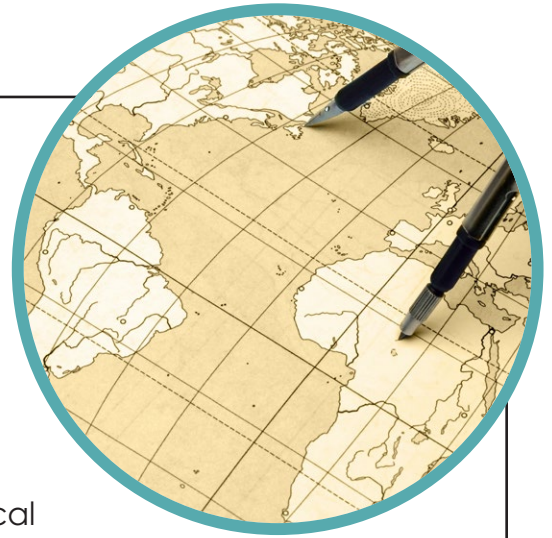
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- b. visible
- c. made-up
- d. real

4. Why did the author write this?
- a. to teach about lines of latitude and longitude
  - b. to teach about space
  - c. to teach about globes
  - d. to teach about maps

5. What is the equator?

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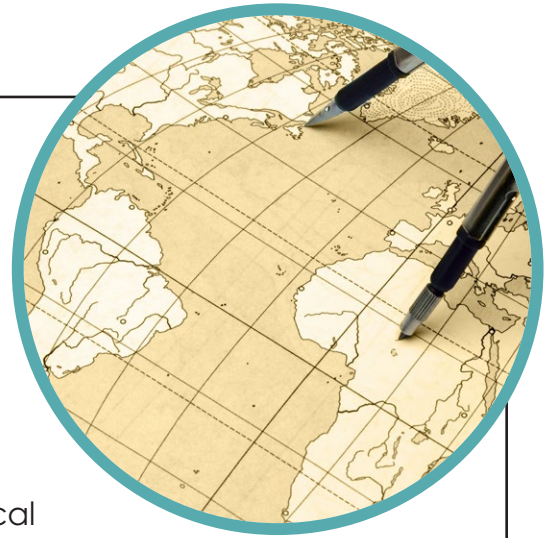
## ANSWER KEY

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