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Maps and Globes - Physical and Political Maps Activity

Physical maps- show country borders, major cities and significant bodies of water. Physical maps also show the location of landforms like deserts, mountains, plains, rivers and lakes. These types of landforms are not included on political maps. The water is usually shown in **blue**. Colors are used to show differences in land elevations. **Green** is typically used at lower elevations, and **orange** or **brown** indicate higher elevations.

Let's look at a **physical map**.

Look at the physical map on the webpage. What do you see?

1. Name 4 countries you see on this physical map?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

2. Name 1 sea that is shown on this map.

Turn page over to learn about Political Maps

Political maps- do not show physical features. Instead, they show **state and national boundaries** and **capital and major cities**. A **capital city** is usually marked with a **star** within a circle.

Political maps usually include significant bodies of water.

Think about what you saw on the physical map, and now look at the same countries on the **political map**.

3. What are 2 things that are different about the political and physical maps?

a) _____

b) _____

4. What are 2 things that you see are the same on both maps?

5. What do the stars show on the maps?
