



## Human Geography

### Reading Population Maps

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Directions: Use the Atlases (specifically the Population density map, political maps, physical maps) and the Population Maps from the Displaying Population Data Notes to answer the following questions with your partner.

#### Map 1 – Population Cartogram

1. Explain how this map displays population.
2. Using the map try to guess the 5 largest countries by population in the world.
3. Using this map try to guess the 3 continents with the largest populations.
4. Name 2 countries whose populations are surprisingly large population since they have such small countries.
5. Name 2 countries that have huge areas but small populations.

#### Map 2 – USA population density map

1. Using the map try to guess the 5 states with the highest population. Explain why you came to choose those 5.
2. What type of information can you easily gather from this type of map?
3. Using the physical map in your atlas, what types of landforms are in the areas that are lower populations?
4. Based on the map which 5 states would you guess have the lowest populations?

#### Map 3 - World Population Density

1. Looking at this map what trends or patterns can you see in where people live in the world?
  - a. Why might this be?

2. Using your physical maps try to explain why people are not living in the lightly populated areas (what land forms are there that might not allow people to live there)
3. Using this map and the political map in your atlas try to figure out what the largest country in each continent is.
4. Which continent is the most densely populated? The least?
5. Using this map and your atlas try to figure out what are the 4 largest cities in Australia.

#### Map 4 – World Life Expectancy Choropleth

1. Overall which continent has the highest life expectancy?
2. How might you explain why some countries have such high life expectancies while others have low?
3. What trends do you notice about the countries with fairly good life expectancies (shades of green)
4. What trends do you notice about the countries with not as good life expectancies (Shades of yellow and red)
5. Are there any countries that surprise you that have higher or lower expectancies than you would have thought?