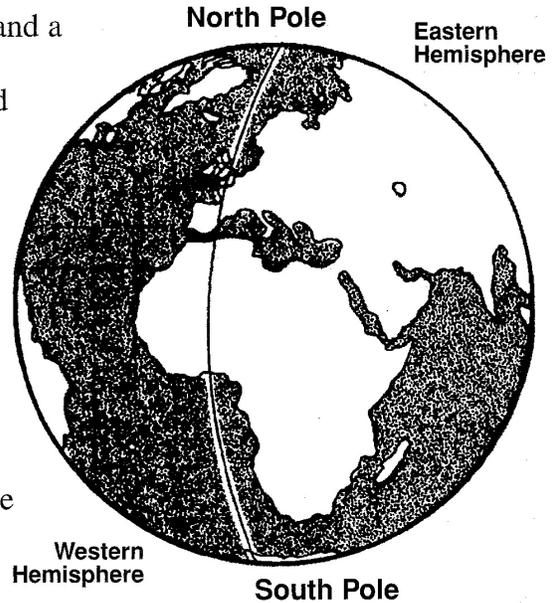


Science Skills-7

Reading Maps

Just as the Earth is divided into a northern half and a southern half by an imaginary line called the equator, it is also divided into a western half and an eastern half by two imaginary lines that run from the *North Pole* to the *South Pole*.

The line that connects the North Pole and the South Pole on one side of the Earth is called the *prime meridian*. It runs through a place called Greenwich (pronounced Gren'ich), which is in England. The line that connects the North Pole and South Pole on the opposite side of the Earth is called the *International Date Line*. Both lines are part of the same circle that goes around the Earth.



The half of the Earth that is west of the prime meridian is called the *Western Hemisphere*. The half of the Earth that is east of the prime meridian is called the *Eastern Hemisphere*.

Name the continents that are in the Western Hemisphere.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

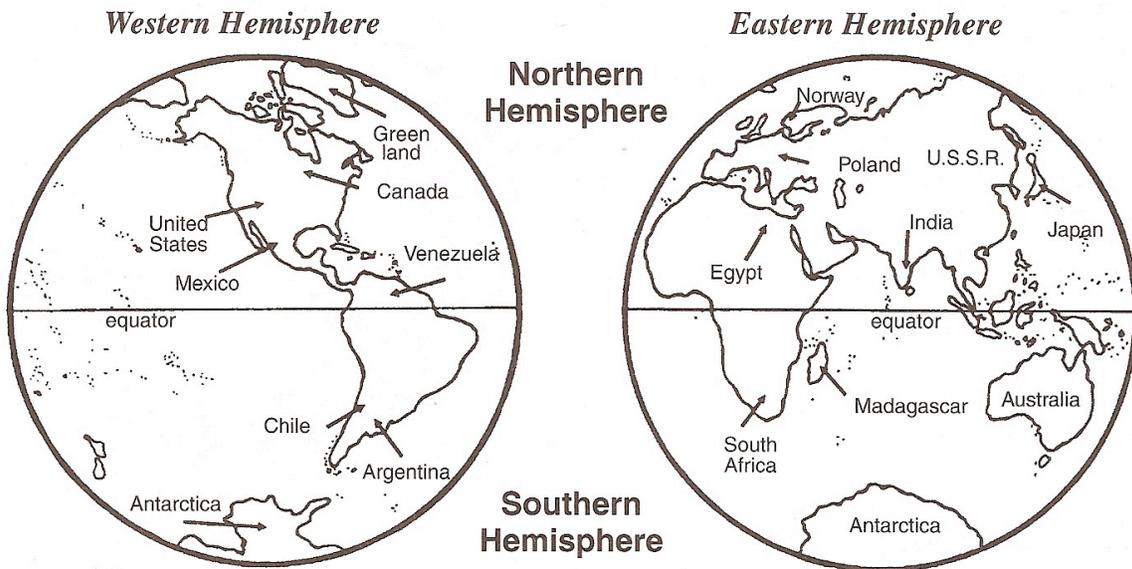
Name the continents that are in the Eastern Hemisphere. 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

What is the name of the line that runs through Greenwich, England?

9. _____

Use the hemisphere maps on this page to help you locate the correct hemispheres for the places listed below.



HEMISPHERE LOCATION CHART		
Place	Hemisphere Northern/Southern	Hemisphere Eastern/Western
1. South Africa		
2. Norway		
3. Venezuela		
4. Mexico		
5. Canada		
6. Egypt		
7. U.S.A.		
8. Greenland		