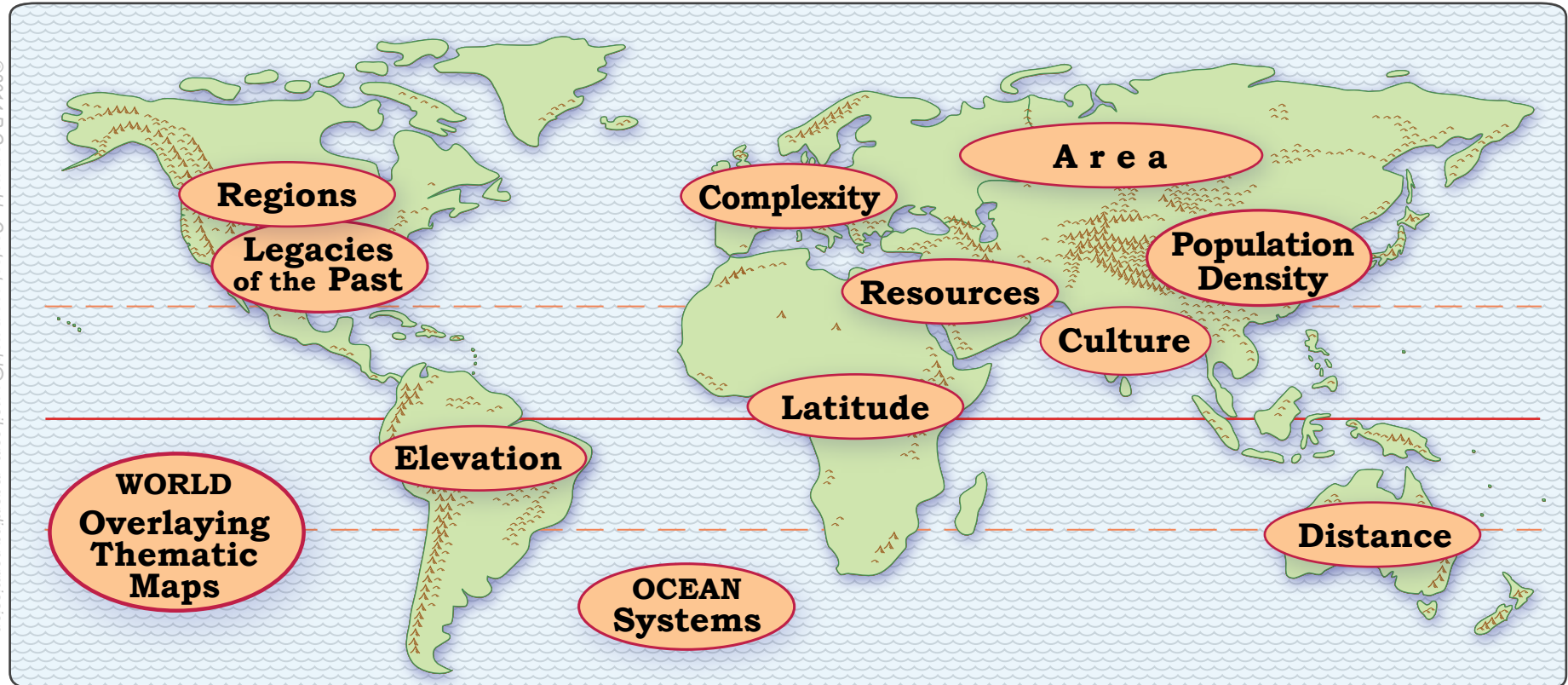


GEOGRAPHIC "BIG IDEAS" AND ASSOCIATED WORLD REGIONS



These Big Ideas are the topics for a 12-chapter "untext."
(It is called an untext because it does not even try to be a comprehensive "treatment" of each world region.)

It also makes no effort to "feel" like a mystery or romance novel. It is designed to support other readings, videos, websites, etc. The goal is to help students put other sources into perspective.

Each chapter has a one-page explanation of a Big Idea in geography, a brief rationale for choosing a particular region of the world to illustrate the Big Idea, and nine one-page descriptions of some logical consequences of the Big Idea.

The pages are illustrated with primary documents, photos, and maps. Most of the maps come from clickable electronic "mini-atlases" that were designed to depict features related to the Big Idea.

Here are six ways to use the "untext."

1. Read it for background and summarize it for students, using local examples and illustrations.
2. Read it for background and incorporate the ideas into other activities or presentations.
3. Assign it and use a quiz to assess understanding.
4. Assign it and have students make a journal summary.
5. Assign individual pages to individual students to read and share or report back to the whole class, orally or with a presentation, poster, newsletter, etc.,
6. Present the ideas in your own way, and assign pages to those students who need more scaffolding.