A **mental map** (also called a Mind Map) is a person's point-of-view perception of their area of interaction.

This particular subject is most often studied by modern day geographers.

We all have mental maps we carry around in our heads to make sense of the geographical world around us. These mental or mind maps help us make some sort of personal sense of the world, where we’ve been and the places we’ve never seen before. Mental maps are a way of combining our objective knowledge of places in addition to our subjective perceptions, or opinions, of locations around the world. Most people can roughly estimate how long it takes to get between cities or find the approximate locations of unfamiliar countries on a map because they’ve been exposed to information about that place somewhere else.

Mental maps are tricky, as each individual person has a different set of perceptions they have in their heads about the same exact world we all live in. What one person associates with a city or country could be precisely opposite of the person standing right next to them.

**GET READY TO CREATE SOME MIND MAPS!!**

**On your mind map, please include a direction arrow (show north!) and distance/time (how long does it take to walk or drive)**