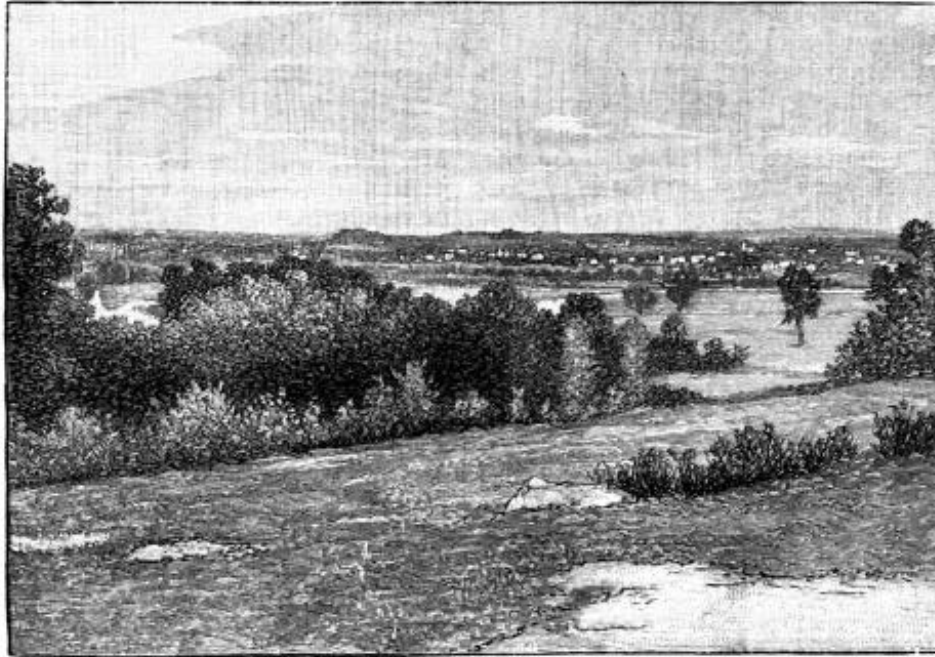


A
Geography Primer

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Primary Geography Part I

LESSON 1 – LAND SURFACE

If we leave our homes and go abroad upon the earth on which we live, we shall see many different objects. We shall find many kinds of animals, trees, flowers, and fruit.

We shall find that the earth is made up of either water or land; but that the various divisions are very different, and that they have all been given different names.

Questions:

What are some of the different kinds of things you see on your way home from school? How many types of trees are there? What kinds of flowers or plants? Do you think you would see different trees and flowers on a long walk in the country?

Have any of you seen any birds on your way to school; if so, do you know what kind it was? Can anyone of you tell how land differs from water?

LAND SURFACE

Some land is close to being level. Level tracts of land are called plains.

Plains are not alike; some are covered with trees and are called forest plains; others are covered with grass and called prairies.

Vast prairies can be found in America; some of which have been cultivated and made into farms.

In the summer, bright flowers grow along with the grass, making the prairies look like large flower gardens.

In some parts of the world can be found stretches of sand. There is little to no rainfall and trees and grass does not grow. These sandy plains are called deserts.



Sometimes you will find fertile places in a desert with springs or wells of water. Trees and grasses will grow here. These fertile places are called oases.

Questions:

What are level tracts of land called? What are plains covered with trees called? Those covered with grass? Where are vast prairies? What grows among the prairie grass in summer? What are such plains called? What is an oasis? Who stops at oases for rest and water?

Bands of travelers and merchants, sometimes cross the desert and stop at these oases for rest and water.

The people who live in deserts are called tribes who wander about constantly from one oasis to another. They ride horses or camels and usually live in tents.

LESSON II

When leaving the level country, you come to elevations of land above the general surface. These elevations, when not very high, are called hills; when half a mile high or more, they are called mountains.



Who lives on the desert? Why did these people have many horses? Do these people have houses? What are they doing almost constantly?

What are elevations of land called when not very high? What is it called when half a mile high or more?