

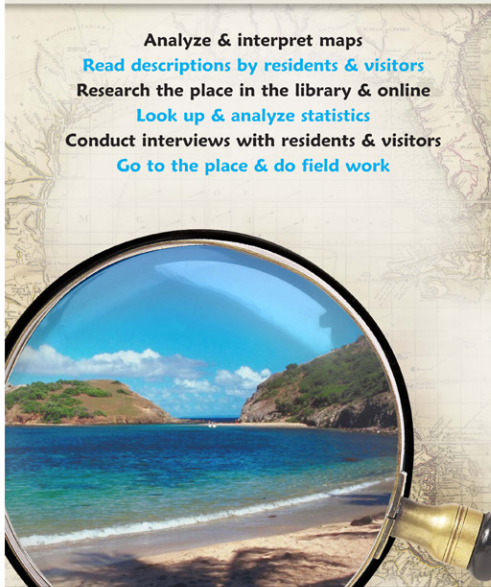
Ask Geographic Questions

Why are things where they are?
 What are the consequences of being located here?
 What barriers reduce options?
 What connections open possibilities?
 Who uses this place? For what?
 How has geography shaped the history of this place?



Acquire Geographic Information

Analyze & interpret maps
 Read descriptions by residents & visitors
 Research the place in the library & online
 Look up & analyze statistics
 Conduct interviews with residents & visitors
 Go to the place & do field work



Organize Geographic Information

Express data in visual form
 maps
 graphs
 tables
 spreadsheets
 graphic organizers
 timelines

Express data in oral
 & written summaries



Analyze Geographic Information

Probe, examine, synthesize & explain...
 patterns
 processes
 sequences
 relationships
 connections
 trends



Answer Geographic Questions

After gathering, organizing & analyzing facts...
 use inductive & deductive reasoning
 draw inferences
 make generalizations
 explain your conclusions
 ask new & better questions



What is Geographic Literacy?

Understanding map conventions
 the language of maps
 Asking questions
 about where things are, why they are there,
 and how places are connected
 Gathering information
 about the world's places and people
 Organizing & analyzing
 what you learn about the world
 Answering geographic questions
 using words & maps
 Following up geographic answers
 with new geographic questions

