**20 Vocabulary word for 7th Grade Geography:**

**Geography** - the study of our Earth

**Latitude** – distance north & south of the Equator

**Longitude** – distance east & west of the Prime Meridian

**Absolute location** - describes the place’s exact position on the Earth

**Relative location** - explains where a place is by describing places near it

**Climate** – weather patterns that an area experiences over a long period of time

**Weather** - is the condition of the bottom layer of the earth’s atmosphere in one place over a short period of time

**Place**- The physical and human characteristics of a location.

**Region** - an area that is defined by certain similar characteristics.

**Human-Environment Interaction** - looks at the relationships between people and their environment; how people adapt to the environment and how they change it.

**Location** – Where something is (absolute and relative)

**Movement** - refers to the way people, products, information and ideas move from one place to another.

**Weathering** - the breaking down of rocks into tiny pieces, caused by wind, rain and ice

**Erosion** - when small pieces of rock/dirt are carried from one location to another

**Equator** - 0 degrees latitude

**Prime Meridian** – 0 degrees longitude

**Political map** - map that shows government drawn lines (countries, states and cities

**Physical map** - map that shows physical features (mountains, rivers, forest and desert

**Resources** - any physical material constituting part of Earth that people need and value.

**Fossil Fuels** -any one of several nonrenewable resources created from the remains of plants and animals