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**Vocabulary:** These are the important terms you will need to know in order to navigate through this unit, and the world outside the classroom. You will be responsible for transferring these definitions onto your flashcards to be kept with you on a ring for studying. The **bold** word is the vocabulary word that belongs on the **blank** side of the flashcard. The definition belongs on the **lined** side of the flashcard. On the top right of the flashcard color a small corner in **red**.  
Representing Unit 1.

- 1) **Borough** – one of the five political regions of New York City. These include: The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.
- 2) **Cardinal Direction** – the four main points on a compass rose: North, South, East and West
- 3) **City** – a large town. We live in the city of New York (aka New York City)
- 4) **Continent** – one of the great divisions of land on the globe. These include: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and Antarctica. We live in North America.
- 5) **Country** - a nation with its own government controlling a specific territory. The United States is a country.
- 6) **Equator** – an imaginary circle around the earth that is in the middle of the north and south poles. The equator is a line of latitude
- 7) **Geography** – the study of the location of living and nonliving things. Geographers study geography.
- 8) **Hemisphere** – one of the halves of the world divided by either the equator (northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere) or the prime meridian (eastern hemisphere and southern hemisphere). New York is in the Northern Hemisphere and the Western Hemisphere
- 9) **Index** – The index is the list of places or items on a map, usually in alphabetical order
- 10) **Intermediate Direction** – the four secondary points on the compass rose: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest
- 11) **Latitude** – a distance north or south of the equator. Latitude goes around the globe like a belt.
- 12) **Longitude** – a distance east or west of the prime meridian. LONGitude are LONG and go up and down like a tie

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- 13) **Neighborhood** – a community within a town or city. Harlem is a neighborhood in New York City.
- 14) **Orientation** – the orientation on the map is the compass, which has both cardinal directions and intermediate directions
- 15) **Planet** – We live on the planet Earth
- 16) **Prime Meridian** – an imaginary line that divides the earth between the eastern and western hemisphere. The prime meridian is a line of LONGitude.
- 17) **Region** – an area or division especially in a country or the world sharing certain characteristics. New York is part of the Northeast Region of the United States.
- 18) **Scale** – The scale of a map tells how the distances on the map compare to the actual distances on the Earth
- 19) **State** – one unit of a country with its own government that runs with the national government. We live in the state of New York.