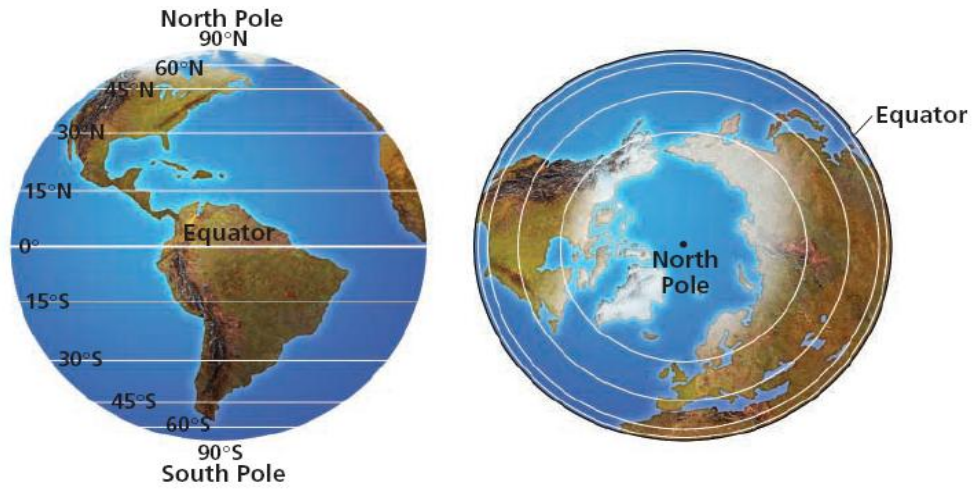


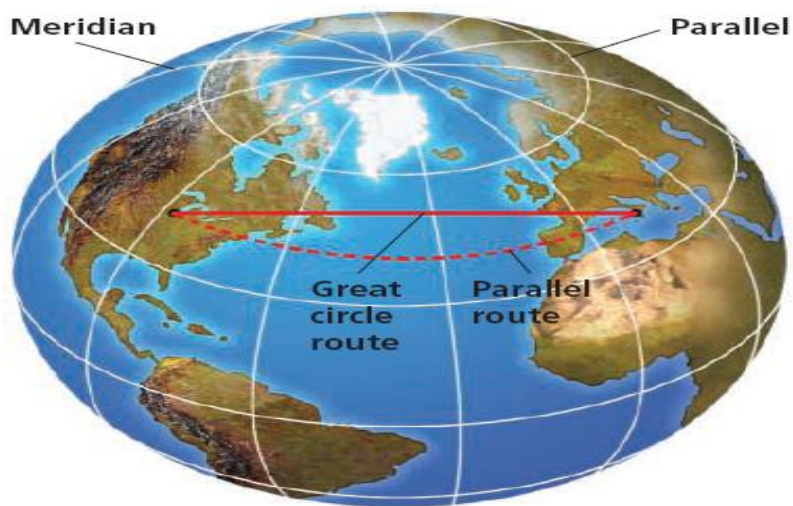
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Parallels



Meridians



Great Circles

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1. What are Earth's parallels called? What is the total number of degrees from the North Pole to the South Pole?
2. Which parallel has the largest diameter? the smallest diameter?
3. What is another name for meridians? What do meridians tell us regarding our position on Earth?
4. How do latitude and longitude differ?
5. Why is a great circle the shortest distance between two distant places on Earth?