

Map Class 02

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THE CLASS STARTED WITH A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS CLASS:

(09:11 AM):

EAST ASIA: (09:25 AM):

- **Mongolia:**
 - Shares border with China and Russia (landlocked between both countries).
 - Capital is **Ulan Bator**.
 - Rich in Uranium resources.
- **China (People's Republic of China):**
- **Republic of China (RoC):** **Taiwan**.
- The capital is Beijing. (*Beijing is too cold*)
- The economic capital is Shanghai.
- Hongkong (One country two systems). (*took from Britishers in 1997*)
- **North Korea:**
 - Between the Yellow Sea and the East Sea.
 - The bottom lies the East China Sea.
 - Separated from the **South Korea** from **38 degrees North Parallel**.
- **Japan:**
 - Sakhalin Island belongs to Russia (rich in oil & gas). (*ONGC is also doing exploration here*)
 - Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu are the island of Japan. (*HHSK*)
 - Tokyo: World's largest Capital w.r.t population. (*Delhi is the 2nd largest*)
- **West Asia:**
 - Iran, Iraq, Bahrain, and Lebanon are the Shia-dominated countries. + *govt. of Syria*.
 - The Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman countries formed the **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)**.
- **USSR:**
 - Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, 5 Central Asian Nations, Armenia, Belarus, etc.
 - Caspian Sea: Largest lake on Earth (*TARIK*).

-> *Kurdistan is the region on the junction of Iran, Iraq and Turkey, they are tribal people and demanding for new country.*

Countries having coast with Caspian sea:

-> *Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Russia, Iran and Kazakhstan. (TARIK)*

- > Caspian sea, Sea of Azov, Black sea, Sea of Marmara, Aegean sea, Adriatic sea within Mediterranean sea and Mediterranean sea.
- > North sea is famous for Brent crude oil which is of very good quality.
- > Sea of Azov and Black Sea is connected by **Kerch strait**, Black Sea and Sea of Marmara is connected by **Bosporus strait**, Sea of Marmara and Aegean sea is connected by **Dardanelles strait**.

EUROPE: (09:49 AM):

- West Europe, Eastern Europe, Scandinavian, Nordic, and the Group of Islands form Europe.
- **Water bodies of Europe:**
- Sea of Azov, Caspian Sea, Adriatic Sea, etc. (Sea of Azov is connected with Caspian sea via artificial canal)
- Scandinavian: **Norway** (Fjords), **Sweden** (Stockholm Conference), and **Denmark**.
- Nordic: **Scandinavia**+Finland+**Iceland**+**Greenland** = Nordic Countries.
- **United Kingdom:**
- Water Bodies: Atlantic Ocean, English Channel, and North Sea.
- Republic of Ireland: Not part of the United Kingdom.
- England+Wales = Britain.
- Britain+Scotland = Great Britain.
- Great Britain+Northern Ireland = UK.
- **Iceland:**
- Abundance of volcanoes and hot springs.
- **France:**
- The capital is Paris.
- **Spain:**
- Spanish: 2nd most spoken language.
- The capital is Madrid.
- **Portugal:**
- The capital is Lisbon.
- **Italy:** (Capital is Rome)
- Most UNESCO World Heritage Sites are present here.
- Volcanically active. (bz entire African plate is moving towards Eurasian plate and subduction is happening here.)
- Countries around the Adriatic Sea: **BA/MSL** (Bosnia, Albania, Montenegro, Slovenia, and Croatia). (these all countries have Karst topography.)
- Spain, France, and Italy are located near the Mediterranean Sea famous for vineyards, etc.
- Black Sea: **BURGR+T** (Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania, Georgia, Russia and Turkey).
- Crimea Peninsula: Isthmus of Perekop.

- > The capital of Andorra is Andorra la Vella.
- Andorra is a small country between Spain and France.
- > Vatican city is a country near Italy and it is the smallest country in the world.

-> Mediterranean European countries are famous for Mediterranean climate
Mediterranean climate have citrus fruit, winter rainfall, witty culture, wine making etc.

-> Capital of Greece is Athens.

-> No need to remember capital of whole European countries except some important ones and remember those which are in news.

-> Headquarter of EU is in Belgium.
Capital of Belgium is Brussels.
An ancient research says that cricket is taken from Belgium.

- **Netherland:**
- Rotterdam famous city for **Rotterdam Convention**.
- **Poland:** -> Capital of Germany is Berlin.
- The capital is Warsaw.
- Katowice is an important city.
- **Baltic Countries:**
- A small portion of Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.
- **Landlocked Countries:**
- **Luxembourg** (world's highest per-capita income).
- Schengen is an important city. (who gets Schengen Visa can move freely in Eu countries.)
- **Switzerland:**
- The capital city is Bern.
- Austria.
- Slovakia.
- Czech Republic.
- **Liechtenstein.**
- **Moldova**, **Serbia**, **Kosovo**, **Malta**, and **Macedonia**.
- **Mt. Elbrus** is the highest point in Europe. (It is in Caucasus mt. range)
- The Caspian Sea is the lowest point in Europe

AFRICA: (10:35 AM):

- Water Bodies: Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Gulf of Aden, Mozambique Channel, and Gulf of Guinea.
- The central part of Africa (**Congo basin**) consists of a very dense and bio-diverse rich region.
- North Africa: Morocco, **Algeria**, **Libya**, **Tunisia**, **Egypt** (MATLE).
- Namib, Kalahari, and Sahara deserts.
- Red Sea: Egypt, **Sudan**, Eritrea, and **Djibouti**.
- Sinai Peninsula is a part of Egypt.
- Horn of Africa: Four countries from the Horn of Africa.
- Somalia, **Ethiopia**, Eritrea, and Djibouti. (SEED)
- Countries of the Indian Ocean: From Somalia to South Africa (**Kenya**, **Tanzania**, and Mozambique).

-> Equator, Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn all pass from Africa.

-> Madagascar is known for most diverse climatic conditions.

-> Swaziland is in between Mozambique and South Africa.

-> Lesotho is surrounded by South Africa and we call these type of country as enclave.

-> Give a look on Namibia also.

Namibia is also known for Namib desert which have highest sand dunes in the world.

Namibia also has Uranium deposits.

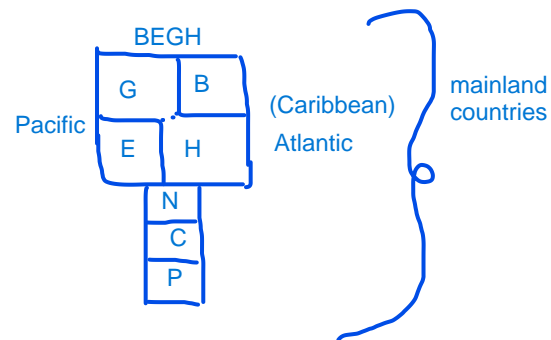
Rainfall near coast does not take place because of offshore trade winds and cold current.

-> Greenland comes in North America.

-> Other than Canada and USA entire part of American continent is Latin America.

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAS: (11:21 AM):

- The continents are surrounded by the Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Southern Oceans.
- ~~Drak~~ ^{Drake} Passage separates Antarctica and America.
- US+Canada+Mexico+Belize+Nicaragua+Costa Rica+Panama+Greenland = N.America.
- From Mexico to South America is Latin America.
- **USA:** 50 States.
- 49 degrees parallel.
- Capital: Washington.
- **Mexico:**
 - > Columbus in 1492 reached America.
 - > Amerigo Vespucci came in 1502 and gave name New World to present day's America.
- Gulf of California and Gulf of Mexico.
- Yucatan peninsula.
- karst topography.
- **Caribbean Islands:**
 - Between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.
 - Northern Triangle: Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.
 - Greater Antilles: Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, and Dominican Republic.
 - Lesser Antilles.
 - West Indies.
- **Bahamas Islands.**
- **Bermuda Triangle.**
- **Mt. McKinley (Denali)** is the highest peak in the North America.
- **Death Valley:** Lowest point.
- **South America:**
 - Countries:
 - **Brazil.**
 - **Guiana Highlands:** Guiana, Suriname, and Cayenne.
 - **Venezuela:**
 - Petroleum reserves.
 - **Angel Falls.**
 - ~~Columbia:~~ Colombia.
 - **Ecuador.**
 - **Peru.**
 - Chile, Argentina, and Bolivia are the **Lithium triangle.**
 - **Mt. Aconcagua** is the highest peak of S. America and the **Valdes peninsula** is the lowest point.



-> Belize and EL Salvador do not have coast on both sides.
-> Except Belize rest all the three are friends and they are poor. These three are called Northern Triangle.

-> Caribbean islands are known as Antilles (on the name of Antilles oceanic current) they are divided into Greater Antilles and Lesser Antilles.
-> Greater Antilles include CJHD (Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic).
-> Lesser Antilles have many island like Puerto Rico (belongs to USA), many of them are independent also.

-> Uruguay is coastal.

-> Bolivia and Paraguay is landlocked.

-> Uruguay famous for WTO talks.

-> La Paz is the capital of Bolivia and Bolivia has Andes.

-> Argentina, Bolivia and Chile are the Lithium triangle because they have world's 45% Lithium deposits.

-> Colombia and Chile has coast in both in Atlantic and in Pacific.

-> Two countries are landlocked - Paraguay and Bolivia.

-> Chile and Ecuador do not have border with Brazil.

-> World's south most inhabited place is Ushuaia and Ushuaia is located on Tierra del Fuego island.

-> Tierra del Fuego island is divided into both Chile and Argentina.

-> Falkland island is of UK which has huge petroleum reserves and Fishes.

AUSTRALIA: (12:05 PM):

- **Australia:**
- Great Barrier Reef.
- Most population lived in the South.
- Great Dividing Range.
- **New Zealand:**
- The capital city is Wellington.
- The highest point is **Mt. Wilhelm**. (4509m in Papua New Guinea)
- The lowest point is **Lake Eyre**. (Lake in Australia)
- Oceania, Polynesia, Micronesia

TOPICS OF THE NEXT CLASS:Arctic and Antarctic, etc.

- > There are many islands in Oceania and they are divided into Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia.
- > Micronesia has very small islands. Mariana Trench is part of Micronesia.
- > Melanesia has people of dark complexion. Papua New Guinea and Fiji is part of Melanesia
- > Polynesia has large number of islands. Polynesia is triangular in shape which has Hawaii in northern part, Easter island in east and New Zealand in west.
Tonga is in Polynesia which had volcano eruption.
- > Solomon island is in Melanesia.

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- > Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin.
- > Capital of Australia is Canberra.

- > Zealandia is proposed as new continent which is submerged in water.