

A Geographer's World**Focus on Writing****Writing a Job Description**

Geographers are people who study geography, but what exactly do they do? As you read *A Geographer's World*, make notes about the kinds of work that geographers do. Then write a job description for a geographer that could be included in a career-planning guide.

PREWRITING

- 1. Describing the Subject** Think about what you have learned about geography. Then list the reasons why someone might want to become a geographer.

What I Have Learned	Reasons to Become a Geographer

- 2. Including Themes and Essential Elements** Think about which of the Five Themes of Geography and Six Essential Elements of Geography are most important in your view. To help you get started, they are listed below. Then select the two most important from each list.

Five Themes of Geography	Six Essential Elements of Geography
Location	The World in Spatial Terms
Place	Places and Regions
Regions	Physical Systems
Movement	Human Systems
Human-Environment Interaction	Environment and Society
	The Uses of Geography

3. Choosing a Branch Create a bulleted list of the different branches of geography for your job description. Include at least one feature of each branch.

- Physical Geography—studying the heights of mountains
- Human Geography—studying the foods that different people eat
- Cartography—
- Hydrology—
- Meteorology—

WRITING

4. Writing Your Job Description Use the model below to get started writing on another sheet of paper. Expand the model to make a more detailed job description.

Line 1	Provide a descriptive title.
Text	Explain why the job of geographer is important. Then identify the job's tasks and responsibilities. Finally, explain what kind of person might do well as a geographer.

<p><i>Physical Geographer for the United States</i> <i>This job is about . . .</i></p>

EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING

5. Evaluating Your Job Description Is your job description persuasive enough to make someone want to become a geographer? Use the questions below to evaluate and revise your job description.

Rubric

- Does your job description explain why being a geographer is important?
- Does your job description identify the job's tasks and responsibilities?
- Does your job description explain what kind of person might do well as a geographer?
- Is your job description as a whole persuasive and enthusiastic?

6. Proofreading Your Job Description Last, check the following:

- Capitalization and spelling of all proper names and places
- Punctuation, grammar, and spelling