

You're So Spatial To Me!

You will research the assigned food or product retailer. You will think geographically about the company's spatial distribution, diffusion and cultural influences. Activity 1 and Activity 2 will be completed outside of class as independent work. Activity 1 and Activity 2 will be graded and will not be accepted late.



Activity 1 - Homework

1. Google map your assigned retailer _____.

Print the following maps of your assigned retailer's locations at the different scales

- Salt Lake County
- Utah
- United States
- World/Global
- One South American country of your choice _____
- One African country of your choice _____
- One Asian country of your choice _____

- One European country of your choice _____

This is a total of 8 maps!

2. Explain approximately how many stores are located in (you do not have to count all of the stores)

- Salt Lake County _____
- Utah _____
- United States _____
- World/Global _____
- One South American country of your choice _____
- One African country of your choice _____
- One Asian country of your choice _____
- One European country of your choice _____

3. How did the number of stores in each country change when the scale of the map changed? Be specific with estimated numbers and countries. _____

Activity 2 homework

4. Explain the distribution of your assigned retailer

- In Salt Lake County _____

- In the United States _____

- In the World _____

- In one country of choice – country _____ continent _____

Distribution Word Bank	
Inland	Clustered Concentration
Coastal	Dispersed Concentration
Rural	Dry/Arid temperature
Urban	Moderate temperature
Polar temperature	Tropical temperature
Density	

Relative Location Word Bank
Close to
Across from
Near
In the area of
Intersection
Rural
Urban

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5. Choose a city you are familiar with (South Jordan, Salt Lake City, St. George, your home town, etc.) which has your retail store.

- Determine the absolute location _____
- Determine the relative location _____

6. Choose a retail location on the continent of your choice (it should be an area which you are not familiar with)

- Determine the absolute location _____
- Determine the relative location _____

Activity 3 Class work

7. Compare your maps to your groups' maps. What are the differences? _____

- _____
- What would account for the differences?

8. Put the maps in order of scale – small to large scale

9. What type of detail do you see on the small scale map? _____

- _____

10. What type of detail do you see on the large scale map? _____

- _____

11. How did the information change when the scale of the map changed? Be specific with estimated numbers and countries. _____

- _____

Activity 4 Class work

12. In your group, List 3-5 reasons why, in your geographically informed opinion, the retailer chose the locations? _____

13. Has the diffusion of the retailer been relocation, contagious, hierarchical or stimulus?

_____ What evidence is there to support your conclusion? _____

14. Compare the distribution of other retailers' locations.

Retailer _____: Pattern of location: _____

What factor may have influenced the distribution of the locations?: _____

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