**Physical Features Definitions**

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| **Feature** | **Description** | **Image** |
| **continent** | **Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America)** | **Make sure you have your images drawn on your notes page!** |
| **mountain****range** |  **A series of hills and mountains** |  |
| **river valley** | **A depression in the Earth caused by a river eroding the surrounding soil** |  |
| **desert**  | **Large region of land that records very little rainfall**  |  |
| **peninsula** | **Land surrounded by water on all sides but one** |  |
| **plateau** | **a flat leveled area of elevated land** |  |
| **plain**  | **A region of flat land** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **rainforest**  | **A tropical forest, usually of tall, densely growing, broad-leaved evergreen trees in an area of high annual rainfall** |  |
| **oceans**  | **A huge body of salt water that covers almost ¾ of the Earth’s surface** |  |
| **sea**  | **A body of saltwater not as large as an ocean and often nearly surrounded by land** |  |
| **river**  | **large stream of water that flows into lakes, oceans, or other bodies of water** |  |