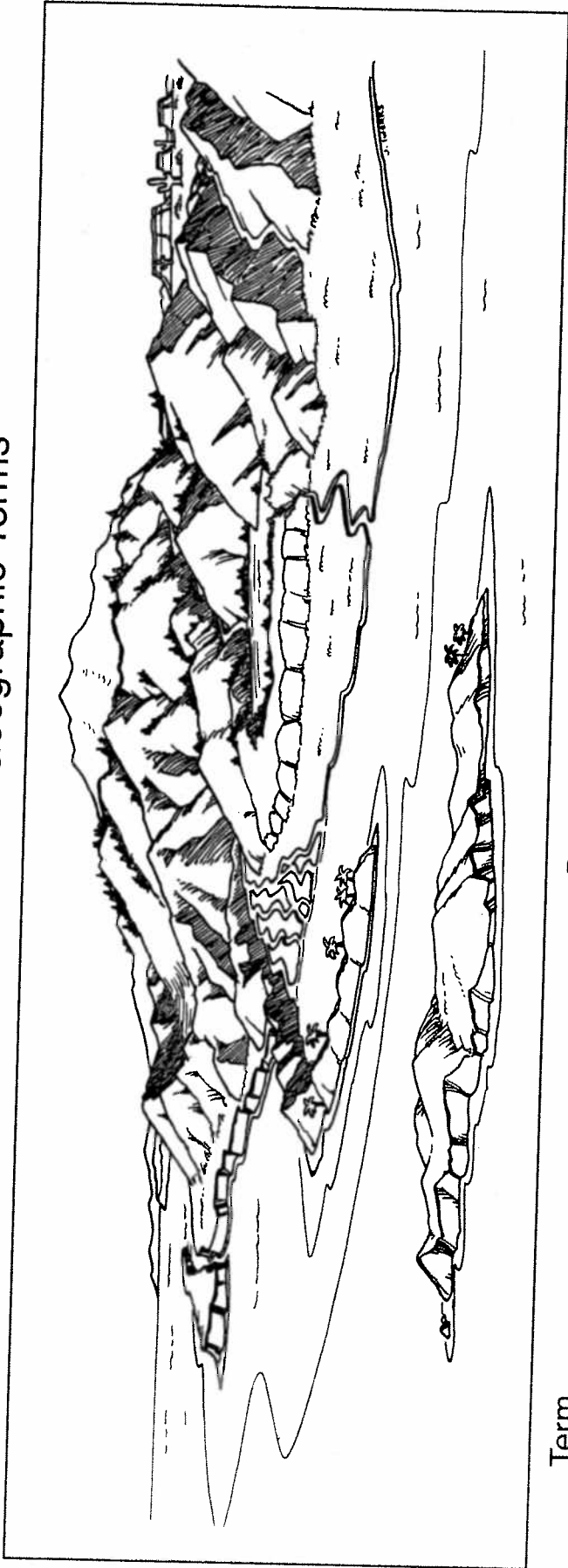
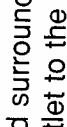
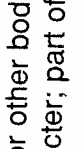

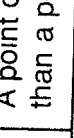
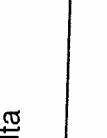
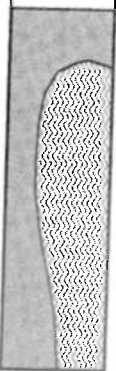
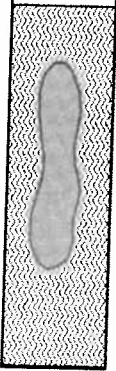


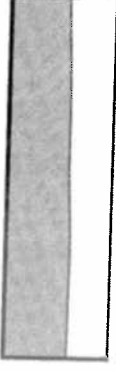
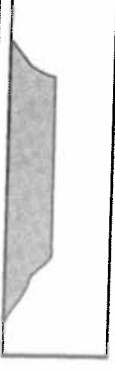
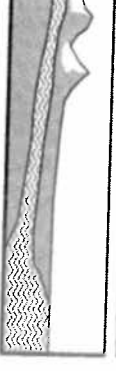
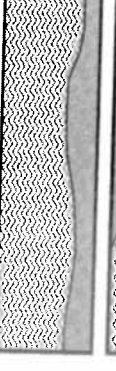
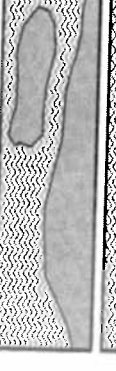


A Visual Guide to Geographic Terms



Term	Definition	Illustration
Basin	The land drained by a river; land surrounded by higher land. In some cases a basin has a lake that has no outlet to the ocean.	
Bay	An inlet of the sea or other body of water, usually smaller than a gulf but of the same general character; part of a body of water that extends into land.	
Canal	An artificial waterway constructed of navigation or for the movement of water.	
Cape	A point of extension of land jutting into the water that is usually smaller or thinner than a peninsula.	
Delta	Soil deposited at the mouth of a river. Alluvial plain formed at the mouth of a river where the stream loses velocity and deposits part of its load of sediments.	

Term	Definition	Illustration
Gulf	A large area of sea or ocean that is partially enclosed; larger than a bay.	
Island	A body of land smaller than a continent; surrounded by water.	
Mountain Range	A row of connected mountains.	
Peninsula	A portion of land nearly surrounded by water and connected with a larger body of land.	
Plain	Large area of level or nearly level land. Plains have different names in different climates and cultures, such as tundras, steppes, prairies, pampas, savannas, llanos, flood plains of rivers, coastal plains, arid plains and tablelands.	
Plateau	Elevated, level or nearly level portion of Earth's surface, larger in summit area than a mountain and bounded on at least one side by steep slopes.	
River Source/ River Mouth	The source is the place the river begins, usually in the highland. The mouth is the part of a river where its waters empty into a larger body of water.	
Sea	A body of salt water that is smaller than an ocean.	
Strait	A narrow channel that connects two larger bodies of water.	
Valley	An area of generally flat land extending many miles inland and drained or watered by a large river and its tributaries.	