

Eprep-6 Deserts

Overview of the Chapter:

1. Before reading or looking at the chapter, write down what you know about desert and glacial areas – from prior experiences
2. Write down 3 questions of your own that you want to know about deserts and glaciers
3. Look through the chapter and find 5 figures that capture your interest and briefly describe your each figure.

DESERTS

1. Identify some deserts you have visited before. Describe some of your observations?
2. Here are some important vocabulary that will impress your friends – when you hike and visit the desert --- Define each term

abrasion	alluvial fan	cross bed	deflation
desert	desert pavement	dune	loess
ephemeral stream	playa lake	rain shadow desert	slip face
suspended load	ventifact		

3. Draw a basic diagram of type of sand dune found in deserts
barchan dune barchanoid dune longitudinal dune
parabolic dune transverse dune star dune
4. Describe what and how a rain shadow creates a desert landscape. Does Delano and the San Joaquin Valley lie in a rain shadow??? Explain
5. What qualifies an area to be a desert? What is a true definition of a desert??

