Factors That Affect Climate (Temp and Precipitation)

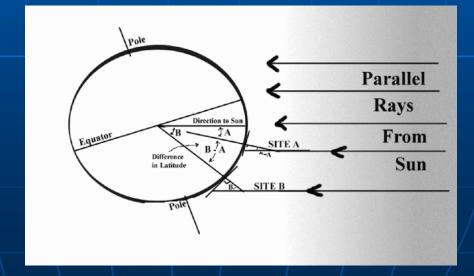
Latitude, Altitude, Global Winds, Proximity to Water, Topography

Latitude

 Different latitudes receive different amounts of solar energy.

 Solar energy directly affects the temperature and wind patterns of a

region.



Oceans and Lakes

- Water warms more slowly than land.
- Water also gives off heat more slowly.
- Proximity to oceans and lakes can moderate land temperatures.

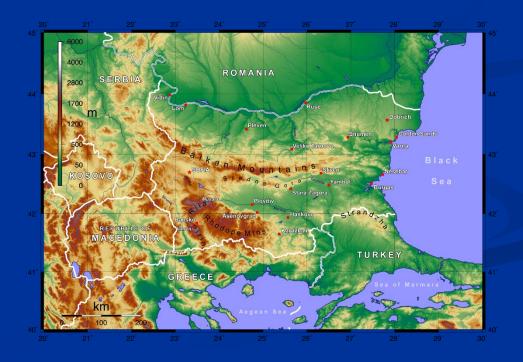


Topography

■ The way the land is laid out can have a great affect on climate.

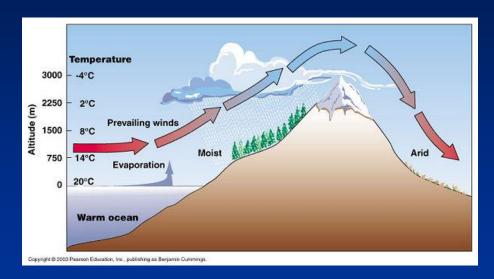
Mountains can affect how much an area gets of

precipitation.



Altitude

- Temperature changes with altitude.
- As the temperature changes, the chance of precipitation

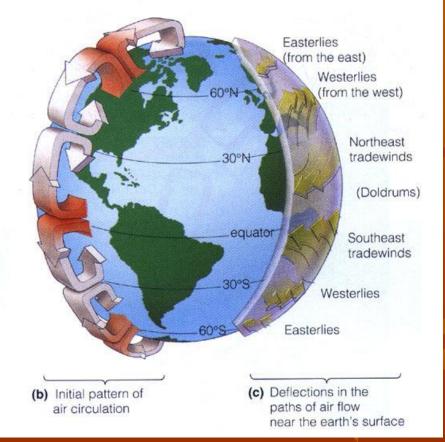


changes as well. Rising air is more likely to condense. Falling air warms up and holds more water vapor.

Global Winds

 Global winds patterns cause huge areas of rising and sinking air.

This movement of air affects precipitation
 at certain latitudes.





Climate vs. Weather?

- So those are the things that affect climate. How does that affect you?
- What is the difference between climate and weather?



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