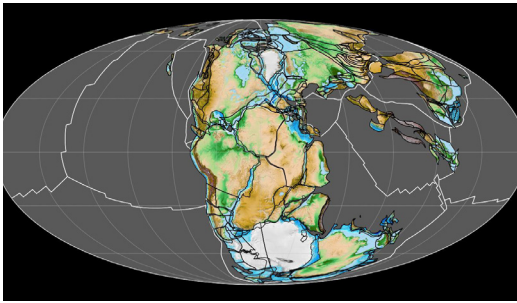


9 Geography

Geography is called the "Mother of all sciences." Ancient Greeks made theories to understand the Earth. For example, they thought **volcanoes** were caused by wind under the ground. This sounds strange, but the important point is that ancient Greeks tried to understand the natural causes for events like volcanic eruptions. Before that, people just believed natural events were caused by gods or spirits. Ancient Greeks called the poet Homer the "father of geography." In his works of literature, he described the Earth as having a round shape and being mostly covered by a huge ocean. Geography has two branches. **Physical** geography is the study of Earth's **features** like mountains, rivers and the atmosphere. On the other hand, human geography explains how people affect the natural world (like by creating an island), as well as how Earth's **environment** affects people.

Read the paragraph, check the bold words above, check vocabulary below.



Pangaea
continent



Ice Age
woolly mammoth



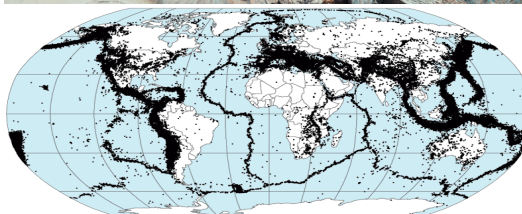
Columbus
the Americas



landslide
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