



# LATITUDE & LONGITUDE



- Latitude and Longitude lines cross to create a global grid that is used to locate places on the Earth.
- The grid address is called Absolute Location



- Latitude and longitude measurements are written as Coordinates.
- Each measurement is expressed in degrees.
- EX:  $39^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $82^{\circ}\text{W}$  for Blacklick, OH

# Latitude

- Lines are called “parallels”
- Lines run from right to left on the map
- Lines measure distance north and south from the Equator





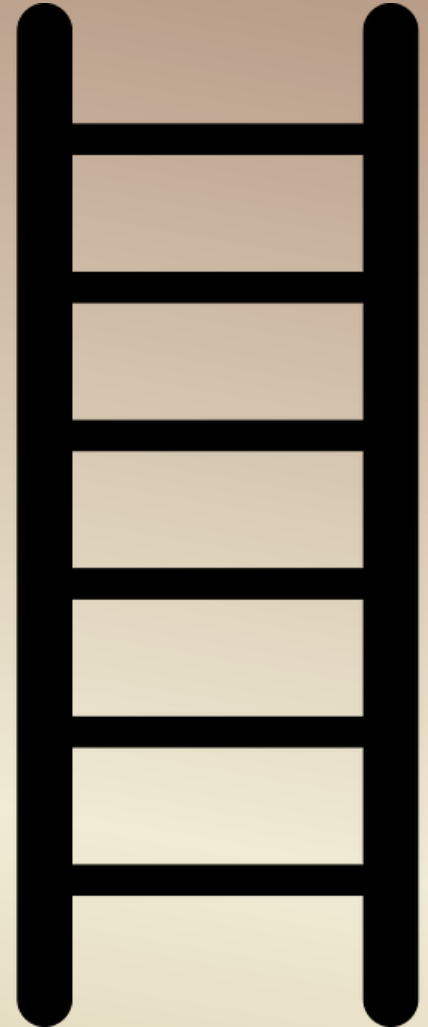
# Latitude

- The Equator is an imaginary line on the Earth at  $0^\circ$  latitude
- The Equator divides the Earth into the northern and southern hemispheres
- Hemisphere means “half-sphere”



# Latitude

- When measuring latitude, think of a ladder. The rungs of a ladder go left to right, but you climb up and down (north and south). “Laddertude”





# Longitude

- The Prime Meridian is an imaginary line on the Earth at  $0^\circ$  longitude.
- The Prime Meridian divides the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres.



# Longitude

- When measuring longitude, think of a ruler. The lines of a ruler go up and down but measure side to side (east and west).







# Absolute Location

- To find an absolute location you should combine latitude and longitude.
- When writing absolute location, give the latitude first then give the longitude.
- Include the cardinal direction labels.
- EX:  $42^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $88^{\circ}\text{W}$  for Chicago, Illinois