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**Geography knowledge found lacking in Memorial University classes:** A professor at Memorial University says her students desperately need to brush up on their geography. In September, Judith Adler gave students in her Sociology 2270 class a pop quiz – something she now requires her students to pass in order to pass her course. The course studies sociology of the family, and Adler teaches the material from a cross-cultural perspective. "I've assigned work on families in Africa, families in Asia, families in South America. And for many years, I just took for granted that if I talked about families in Africa, that my students had a visual image of where Africa was," she said. Adler decided she had to make sure her students knew the locations she was talking about. She handed out a blank map, and gave her students simple instructions: Identify Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. "The results were really mind-opening to me," she said. "The Atlantic Ocean is labelled as the Mediterranean Sea; Africa is circled and labelled as Europe, with Spain and Italy being put in the middle of Africa," she said. Adler said she can't believe her students' lack of knowledge when it comes to geography. "The revelation of how the school system here has completely dropped geography from young people's education has been very striking to me," she said. Adler is calling on the university to be more proactive. [CBC News](#)

Listen to CBC Morning Show's Caroline Hillier who spoke to Judith Adler about her concerns that students don't seem to know where they are. [Play Audio Clip](#)

Listen to Charles Maher, head of the Memorial University Department of Geography, who spoke to CBC Morning. Charles says shaming students about their lack of knowledge isn't going to make them learn geography, but he says he does have a solution. [Play Audio Clip](#)

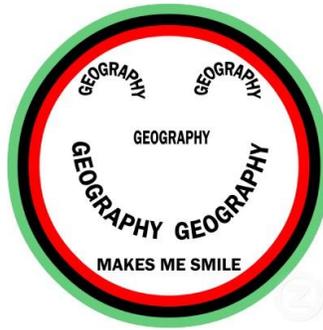
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**Quiz: How well do you know geography in the Greater Toronto Area?** Global News decided to test the geographic knowledge of people across Toronto after a Memorial University professor was shocked by her students' lack of geographic knowledge. So Global News wanted to find out how well Torontonians knew the area surrounding them. We've put together the following quiz testing geographic knowledge of the Greater Toronto Area. Some answers are harder than others, so good luck. [Take the Quiz: Do you know your Toronto geography?](#)

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## Some not so “Geographical” News

**Woman drives 900 miles out of her way after GPS error:** Put too much faith in technology and you may wind up in Croatia. A 67-year-old woman from Belgium learned that the hard way after she followed (faulty) directions from her GPS device. The woman only wanted to go about 90 miles from her hometown of Hainault Erquelinnes, Belgium, to pick up a friend at the Brussels train station. Her GPS device sent her about 900 miles to the south before (during the second day of driving) she realized that something was amiss. [Yahoo News](#)



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