Maps centuries apart

Maps of the same place, centuries apart

Name _____ Date _____

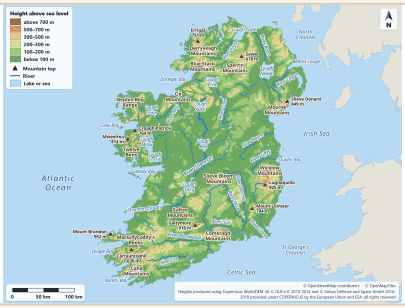
Ptolemy was a scholar who lived in Egypt about AD 150. He never came to Ireland. He listed places and where they were from what sailors and traders told him. No map drawn by Ptolemy himself survives: this one was drawn from his lists about 1420.

TWO MAPS OF IRELAND

Ptolemy's Ireland, from information of about AD 150 in a copy made about 1420, beside Ireland today. Under them, write what is the same and what is different.



Ptolemy's Ireland, copied about 1420



Ireland today

What is the same?

What is different?

Ireland in Ptolemy's Geography (a copy made about 1420), Ptolemy's information about AD 150; this copy about 1420. Ptolemy's Geography, British Library, Burney MS 111, f. 15r. Public domain.

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WHY THE WRONG SHAPE?

Circle the best answer: the reason Ptolemy's Ireland is the wrong shape, and how today's map was made.

Why is Ptolemy's Ireland the wrong shape? sailors' reports | Ireland changed shape

How was today's map of Ireland made? measuring the land | travellers' stories

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