

Lesson 2- The Major Physical Characteristics of the Earth.

Distribution of the climatic types and their basic features.

- The general condition of the atmosphere that prevails within a long period of time is called "Climate".
- A particular type of climate is determined by temperature, rainfall, means of rainfall, and the duration of the rainfall of a particular area.
- The first idea about distribution of climates in the world was originally put forward by a Greek philosopher, Aristotle around 384 BC.
- Later, persons like Austin Miller, Thornthwaite and Keppen have presented wide climatic classifications at global level.
- The three main climatic zones which are based on the distribution of the latitudinal temperature and it is named as " Greek climatic classification".



N90⁰ North pole

S 90⁰ South pole

Activities

- 1. Name two persons who presented world climatic classifications.
- 2. State four factors that used to determine a particular type of climate.
- 3. State the three main climatic zones of the world based on the latitudes with a diagram.
- 4. Mark the three main climatic zones of the world based on the latitudes in a world map.
- 5. Explain how climate affects human activities giving examples.
- 6. Fill the following table by using the World Climatic Classification.

	Tropical Climate	Temperate Climate	Polar Climate
Location			
Annual rainfall and Temperature			
Special Features			
Sub Climatic Types			