**Geo 9-10: Creating a Structured Overview:**

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A structured overview is a way of representing data by classifying it into a hierarchy or a flowchart. It usually has the main topic at the top, and sub-topics are grouped below it according to how they relate to each other. An example of a structured overview is provided below.

**(NOTE: the blank boxes below are random and do not represent the number of subcategories each biome should have)**

**Instructions:** Create a structured overview which shows the major biomes and the different sub-categories which they can be further classified into. You will need to do some research to help you create your chart. NOTE: there is not always a fixed right/wrong answer! You will probably find several different classifications suggested on different sites. The point of the assignment is to decide which classifications make the most sense to you.

You may choose to create your chart by hand on paper or on the computer. Add a small image to each box to represent each type. If you are finding it difficult to fit the entire chart horizontally on the page, you might prefer to break it up into a series of smaller hierarchies for each biome. Listed below are some suggested categories (not a complete list).

* Mountains
* Tropical rainforests
* Temperate rainforests
* Deciduous forests
* Boreal forests (taiga)
* Temperate grassland
* Savanna
* Freshwater
* Saltwater
* Flowing water
* Still water
* Oceans
* Coral reefs
* Rivers
* Lakes
* Estuaries and lagoons
* Swamps
* Mangroves
* Arid
* Semi-arid
* Coastal
* Arctic
* Alpine
* Mediterranean