I. Geography of Italy

- A. Peninsula (Apennine)
 - 1. Surrounded by water on three sides
 - a. East Adriatic Sea
 - b. South East Ionian Sea
 - c. South Mediterranean Sea
 - d. West Tyrrhenian Sea
 - 2. Shaped like a boot
 - 3. Extends into Mediterranean Sea
 - 4. Southwest is island of Sicily
 - 5. 100 miles to coast of Africa

B. Mountains

- 1. ¾ cover Italy
- 2. Two mountain ranges
 - a. Alps (highest in Europe)
 - (1) Located in center of peninsula
 - (2) 500 miles long
 - (3) Backbone of Italy

C. Valleys

- 1. Po Valley
 - a. Fertile plain
 - b. Lies between Alps and Apennines

D. Rivers

- 1. Po River
 - a. North Italy
 - b. Empties into Adriatic Sea
- 2. Tiber River
 - a. Western coast
 - b. Begins in central Italy
 - c. Flows into Tyrrhenian Sea
- 3. Arno River
 - a. West coast
 - b. North of Tiber River

E. Coastline

- 1. Straight and smooth
- 2. Few good harbors

F. Climate

- 1. Mediterranean
 - a. Mild, rainy winters
 - b. Hot, dry sunny summers