

No educational medium better serves as a means of spatial communication than the atlas. Atlases deal with such **invaluable** information as population distribution and density. One of the best, Pennycooke's World Atlas, has been widely accepted as a standard owing to the quality of its maps and photographs which not only show various settlements but also portray them in a variety of scales. In fact, the very first map in the atlas is a cleverly designed population cartogram that projects the size of each country if geographical size were proportional to population. Following the proportional layout, a sequence of smaller maps shows the world's population density, each country's birth and death rates, population increase or decrease, industrialization, urbanization, gross national product in terms of per capita income, the quality of medical care, literacy and language. To give readers a perspective on how their own country fits in with the global view, additional projections depict the world's patterns in nutrition, calorie and protein consumption, health care, number of physicians per unit of population, and life expectancy by region. Population density maps on a subcontinental scale, as well as political maps, convey the diverse demographic phenomena of the world in a broad array of scales

the word "invaluable" is closest in meaning to

- incremental
- invalid
- priceless
- shapeless

Select the one word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word.

The student firmly believed his own argument to be correct; nevertheless, he followed his teacher's instructions.

- consequently
- furthermore
- however
- therefore

Select the best answer.

A/an _____ is a long narrative poem that depicts the life and actions of a larger-than-life hero and deals with serious issues

- sonnet
- ballad
- epic
- elegy