NCSO GEOLOGICAL MAPPING EVENT 2019 QUESTIONS

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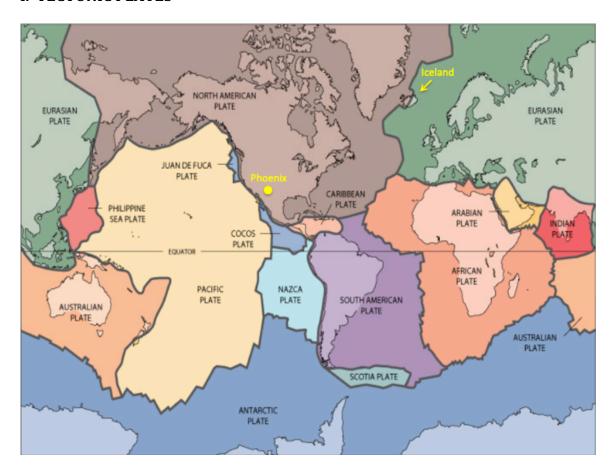
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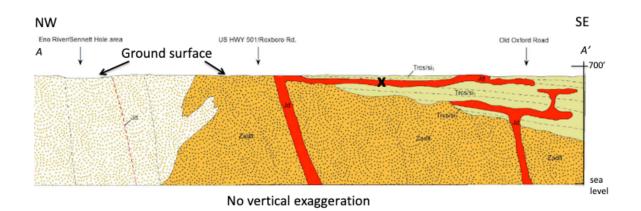
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GEOLOGICAL BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE BLACK HILLS AREA, SOUTH DAKOTA



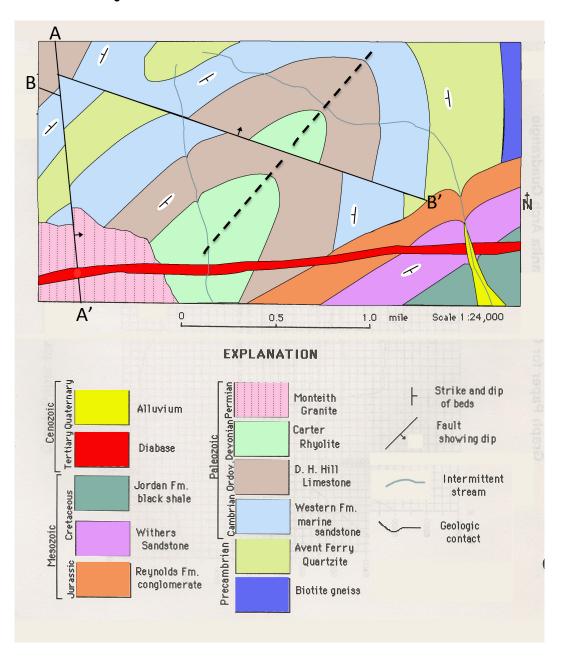
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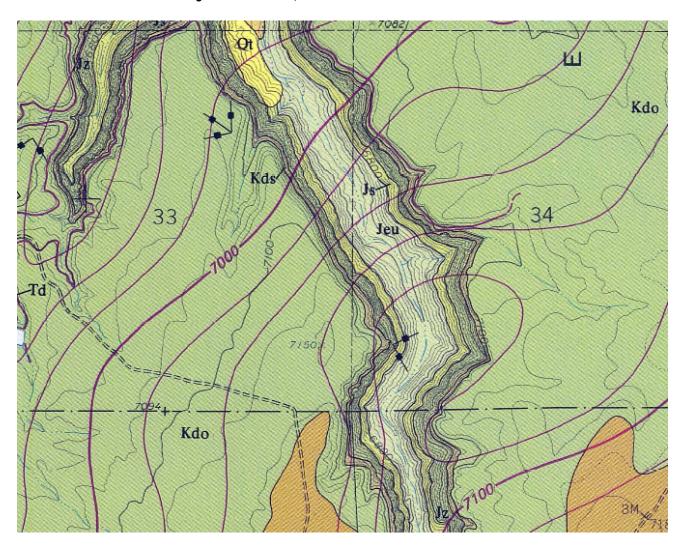


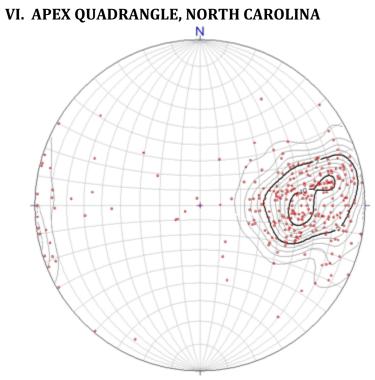
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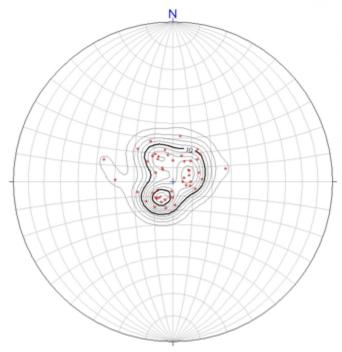


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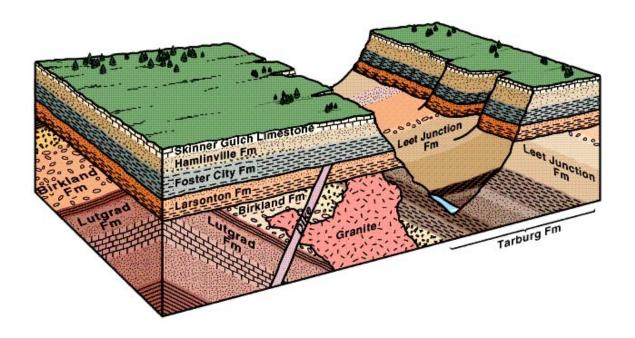


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(They may say an anticline is an "upfold" and a syncline is a "downfold." That's okay, but not as good as answers above. A cross-section diagram is really no good, because the question is asking about **map view**)

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Accept answers within +/- five degrees for strike and for dip. There are alternative ways of answering this question; for example using azimuth. Box #1 could be answered with 327,67 or 327, 67NE or 147, 67NE