Mathematics, Algebra I Unit IV: Lesson B1

Activity / Diagram: Around the World



Research Eratosthenes' method of finding the size of the earth.

Plan how you could repeat Eratosthenes' method by arranging with a person several hundred miles away, on your meridian, to find the altitude of the sun at noon on a specified day.

Write out the steps taken, data gathered, and diagram of your procedure. Include the relative error of your results and account for any error. Write a letter to your partner giving the results you obtained. Present the diagram and data to your class.

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