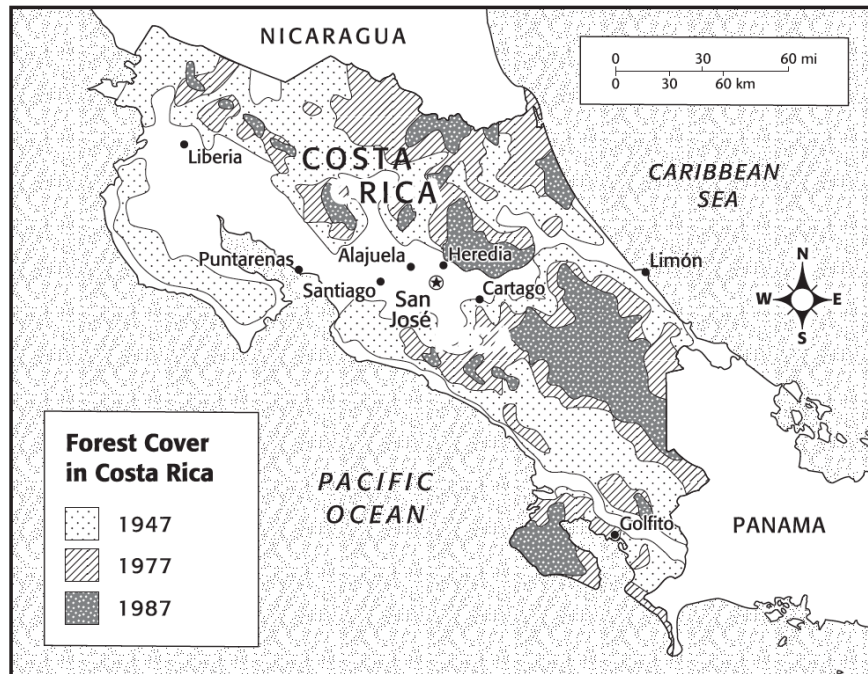


Map Skills – Ch 1



Costa Rica, a country in Central America, was once nearly covered with rain forest. Today, farmers and ranchers have cleared much of the forest, a process called *deforestation*. Deforestation destroys the homes of thousands of species.

Use the map above to answer the questions below.

- Using a Key** In which year did Costa Rica have the most forest cover? The least?

- Analyzing Data** About what fraction of Costa Rica was still covered with forest in 1987?

- Analyzing Data** Was more forest removed between 1947 and 1977 or between 1977 and 1987?

- Inferring Relationships** What is the relationship between the locations of cities and the locations of the remaining forest?

- Inferring Relationships** Why might the decline in deforestation have occurred when it did?
