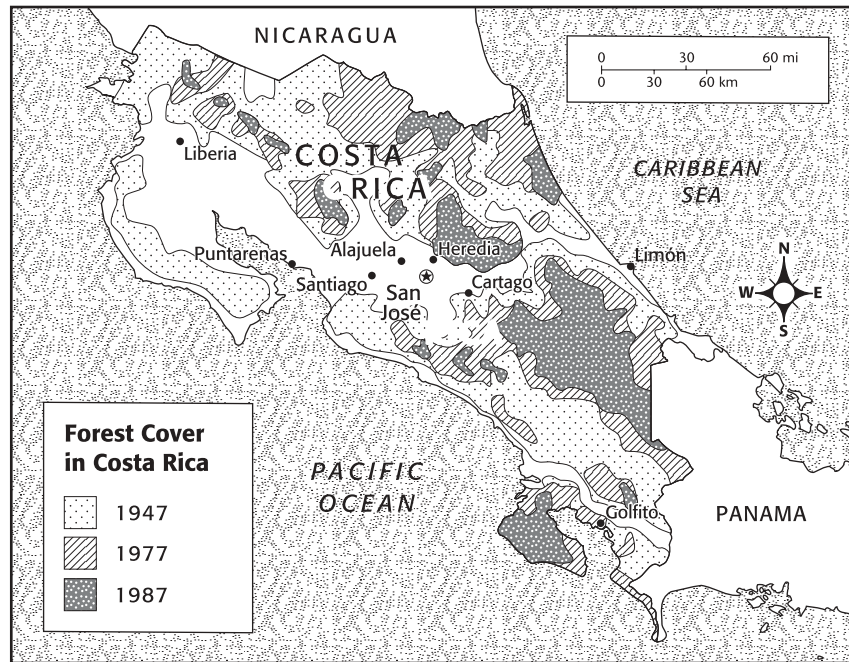


Map Skills



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.

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

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

3. Analyzing Data Was more forest removed between 1947 and 1977 or between 1977 and 1987?

4. Inferring Relationships What is the relationship between the locations of cities and the locations of the remaining forest?

5. Inferring Relationships Why might the decline in deforestation have occurred when it did?
