2017-2018 Curriculum Catalog

World Geography
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World Geography Course Overview

World Geography takes students on a journey around the world in which they will learn about the physical and human geography of various regions. They will study the history of each region and examine the political, economic, and cultural characteristics of the world in which we live. Students will also learn about the tools and technologies of geography such as globes, maps, charts, and global information systems.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Select and use geographic tools to get information and make predictions.
- Compare places based upon their similarities and differences.
- Identify geographic factors that influenced historic events.
- Evaluate the interrelatedness and interdependence of physical and human systems and their impact on our earth.
- Analyze the role played by culture in the spatial organization of the earth.
- Define the key geographic concerns facing the world and strategize methods to deal with these issues in the future.

Students will also gain practice in writing and note-taking. They will be asked to create graphic organizers, conduct research, analyze information, and write essays on topics such as current events, energy resources, national parks, and more.

### Unit 1: Introduction to Geography

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2. Settlement and Movement
3. Quiz 1: Where We Live
4. Cultural Mosaics
5. Economics
6. Conflict and Cooperation
7. Quiz 2: Why Do People Live Where They Do?
8. Humans and Their Environment - Part 1
9. Humans and Their Environment - Part 2
10. Historical Perspectives
11. Project: Analyze It!
12. Quiz 3: Interactions
13. Special Project*
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Unit 3: North America

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1. North America in Spatial Terms
2. The United States: The Northeast and the South
3. The United States: The Midwest and the West
4. Canada and Greenland
5. Mexico
6. Quiz 1: Physical Geography
7. Settlement and Movement
8. Culture
9. Economics and Politics
10. Quiz 2: Human Geography
11. Environment and Society
12. Historical Perspectives
13. Project: Analyze It!
14. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
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Unit 4: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean

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1. Central America
2. South America
3. The Caribbean
4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography
5. Settlement and Movement
6. Culture
7. Economics and Politics
8. Quiz 2: Human Geography
9. Environment and Society
10. Historical Perspectives
11. Project: Consider It!
12. Looking Ahead
13. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
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Unit 5: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica

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1. Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica in Spatial Terms
2. Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia
3. Australia and New Zealand
4. Antarctica
5. Quiz 1: Physical Geography
6. Settlement and Movement
7. Culture
8. Economics and Politics
9. Quiz 2: Human Geography
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12. Project: Analyze It!
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2. Exam
3. Alternate Exam – Form A*
4. Alternate Exam – Form B*

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# Unit 7: Western Europe

**Assignments**

1. Northern Region
2. Western Central Region
3. Southern Region
4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography
5. Settlement and Movement
6. Culture
7. Economics and Politics
8. Project: Chart It!
9. Quiz 2: Human Geography
10. Environment and Society
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12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
13. Special Project*
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# Unit 8: Eastern Europe and Russia

**Assignments**

1. Central Region
2. Balkan Region
3. Eastern Region
4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography
5. Settlement and Movement
6. Culture
7. Economics and Politics
8. Quiz 2: Human Geography
9. Environment and Society
10. Historical Perspectives
11. Project: Report It!
12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
13. Special Project*
14. Review
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# Unit 9: Sub-Saharan Africa

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1. Sub-Saharan Africa in Spatial Terms
2. West and Central Africa
3. East and Southern Africa
4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography
5. Settlement and Movement
6. Culture
7. Economics and Politics
8. Quiz 2: Human Geography
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11. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
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