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History and Geography 400 Course Overview

History and Geography 400 continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course focuses on World Geography, describing the surface of the Earth and its natural features (biomes). It also teaches about cultural distinctives, placing special emphasis on North American geography and culture. Then, expanding on instruction, it presents a survey of Earth and space explorations. These areas of focus target three major content strands: Geography, History, and Social Studies Skills.

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

- identify significant explorers, such as Prince Henry, Christopher Columbus, and Ferdinand Magellan, noting their accomplishments
- locate and describe different regions of the world, such as climactic and topographical regions
- understand the world in spatial terms (according to hemispheres and maps)
- locate and describe U.S. regions made up of various groups of states, such as New England and the plains states
- identify cultural and geographic differences between various biomes and countries that are covered in the course

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