



2016 - 2017 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		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. Course Overview	13. Physical Processes: The Atmosphere and the Hydrosphere
	2. What Is Geography?	14. Physical Processes: The Lithosphere and the Biosphere
	3. Project: Note It!*	15. Ecosystems
	4. Geographic Tools: Globes and Maps	16. Project: Map It!*
	5. Geographic Tools: Graphs, Charts, and More	17. Quiz 3: Our Earth
	6. Quiz 1: Introduction to Geography	18. Special Project*
	7. Geographic Themes: Location and Place	19. Review
	8. Geographic Themes: Human-Environmental Interaction and Movement	20. Test
	9. Geographic Themes: Regions	21. Alternate Test*
	10. Project: Summarize It!	22. Glossary and Credits
	11. Quiz 2: Geographic Themes	
	12. Physical Characteristics	

Unit 2: Human Geography		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. Where People Live	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. Settlement and Movement	11. Project: Analyze It!
	3. Quiz 1: Where We Live	12. Quiz 3: Interactions
	4. Cultural Mosaics	13. Special Project*
	5. Economics	14. Review
	6. Conflict and Cooperation	15. Test
	7. Quiz 2: Why Do People Live Where They Do?	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Humans and Their Environment - Part 1	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Humans and Their Environment - Part 2	

Unit 3: North America	
World Geography	Assignments
	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	
15. Special Project*	
16. Review	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test*	
19. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 4: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	
World Geography	Assignments
	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	
14. Special Project*	
15. Review	
16. Test	
17. Alternate Test*	
18. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 5: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica	
World Geography	Assignments
	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
10. Environment and Society	
11. Historical Perspectives	
12. Project: Analyze It!*	
13. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography	
14. Special Project*	
15. Review	
16. Test	
17. Alternate Test*	
18. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam	
WG	Assignments
	1. Review
	2. Exam
	3. Alternate Exam - Form A*
	4. Alternate Exam - Form B*

Unit 7: Western Europe		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. Northern Region	10. Environment and Society
	2. Western Central Region	11. Historical Perspectives
	3. Southern Region	12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Project: Chart It!	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Quiz 2: Human Geography	

Unit 8: Eastern Europe and Russia		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. Central Region	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. Balkan Region	11. Project: Report It!
	3. Eastern Region	12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society	

Unit 9: Sub-Saharan Africa		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. Sub-Saharan Africa in Spatial Terms	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. West and Central Africa	11. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	3. East and Southern Africa	12. Project: Solve It!
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society	

Unit 10: North Africa and Southwest Asia		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. North Africa	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. Southwest Asia: The Middle East	11. Project: Evaluate It!
	3. Southwest Asia: The Arabian Peninsula	12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society	

Unit 11: Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia		
Assignments		
World Geography	1. Central Asia	11. Environment: South and Southeast Asia
	2. South Asia	12. Environment: East Asia
	3. East Asia	13. Project: Analyze It!
	4. Southeast Asia	14. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	5. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	15. Special Project*
	6. Historical Perspectives: South and Southeast Asia	16. Review
	7. Historical Perspectives: East Asia	17. Test
	8. Culture	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Human Geography	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Economics and Politics	

Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam		
Assignments		
WG	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam - Form A*
	2. Exam	4. Alternate Exam - Form A*

Unit 12: Final Exam		
Assignments		
WG	1. Exam	3. Alternate Exam - Form B*
	2. Alternate Exam - Form A*	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment