

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

History and Geography 400



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History and Geography 400 Course Overview

History and Geography 400 focuses on World Geography, describing the surface of the earth and its natural features (biomes). It also teaches about cultural distinctions, 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.

- **Unit 1:** Identify features of the earth and advancements in exploration
- **Unit 2:** Describe the culture, history, and geography of important seaport cities
- **Unit 3:** Describe the climate, history, and geography of deserts
- **Unit 4:** Describe the climate, history, and geography of the grasslands countries of Ukraine, Kenya, and Argentina
- **Unit 5:** Describe the climate, history, and geography of tropical rainforests found in the Amazon and the Congo River Basin
- **Unit 6:** Describe the climate, history, and geography of the Arctic and Antarctic
- **Unit 7:** Describe the climate, history, and geography of the mountain countries of Nepal and Peru
- **Unit 8:** Describe the environment, history, and culture of the island countries of Cuba, Iceland, and Japan
- **Unit 9:** Describe the environment, history, and culture of North American countries
- **Unit 10:** Review the environment, history, and culture of regions throughout the world

Unit 1: Our Earth	
History and Geography 400	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. The Surface of the Earth: Maps
	3. The Surface of the Earth: Oceans
	4. The Surface of the Earth: Continents
	5. The Surface of the Earth: Fresh Water
	6. Quiz 1: The Surface of the Earth
	7. Early Explorations of Our Earth (1)
	8. Essay: Spices*
	9. Early Explorations of Our Earth (2)
	10. Quiz 2: Early Explorations of Our Earth
	11. Recent Explorations of Our Earth (1)
	12. Recent Explorations of Our Earth (2)
	13. Essay: Space Flight
	14. Essay: Space Missions*
	15. Project: Latitude and Longitude*
	16. Quiz 3: Recent Explorations of Our Earth
	17. Special Project*
	18. Test
	19. Alternate Test*
	20. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Seaport Cities		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Sydney	15. Turkish Life
	2. Project: Map Activity	16. Quiz 3: Istanbul
	3. Penal Colony	17. London
	4. City of Sydney	18. Project: Map Activity
	5. Essay: Animal Life	19. Project: Name the Parts*
	6. Project: Australian Flag*	20. Visiting London
	7. Quiz 1: Sydney	21. British Life
	8. Hong Kong	22. Project: Map Activity
	9. Hong Kong Today	23. Quiz 4: London
	10. Chinese Life	24. Special Project*
	11. Quiz 2: Hong Kong	25. Test
	12. Istanbul	26. Alternate Test
	13. Project: Map Activity	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. Memories of Great Empires	

Unit 3: Desert Lands		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. What is a Desert?	10. Essay: Write a Story*
	2. Life in the Desert	11. Modern Ways of Life
	3. Project: Plants and the Desert	12. Essay: Inventions
	4. Report: Desert Animals	13. Quiz 3: Desert Living
	5. Quiz 1: Deserts, Plants, and Animals	14. Special Project*
	6. Where are the Deserts?	15. Test
	7. Deserts of the Southern Hemisphere	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Deserts of the World	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. How Do People Live in the Desert?	

Unit 4: Grasslands		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Grasslands	11. Quiz 2: Kenya
	2. Breadbasket of Europe	12. Argentina
	3. Conquered Borderland	13. Riches Lost
	4. A New, Old Country	14. Portenos and Gauchos
	5. Quiz 1: Ukraine	15. Quiz 3: Argentina
	6. Kenya	16. Special Project*
	7. Kenya's Story	17. Test
	8. Safari or Shambas	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Essay: Safari	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Changing Kenya	

Unit 5: Tropical Rainforests		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Rainforests of the World	10. The Congo Rainforest
	2. Plants and Animals of the Rainforest	11. History of the Congo
	3. People and the Rainforest	12. Report: The Livingstone Story
	4. Report: Rainforest Plants and Animals	13. People of the Congo Rainforest
	5. Quiz 1: Rainforests of the World	14. Quiz 3: The Congo Rainforest
	6. The Amazon Rainforest	15. Special Project*
	7. History of Amazonia	16. Test
	8. Amerindians of the Amazon	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: The Amazon Rainforest	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 6: The Polar Regions		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Polar Regions: Coldest Places in the World	10. Antarctic Polar Region: Bottom of the World
	2. Ice and Icebergs	11. The Last Place on Earth
	3. Quiz 1: The Polar Regions	12. Report: Polar Explorer
	4. Arctic Polar Region: Top of the World	13. Quiz 3: The Antarctic Polar Region
	5. Arctic Plant and Animal Life	14. Special Project*
	6. Report: Arctic Animal	15. Test
	7. Life in the Arctic	16. Alternate Test*
	8. The Arctic Today	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Quiz 2: The Arctic Polar Region	

Unit 7: Mountain Countries		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Peru and the Andes	10. Switzerland of the Alps
	2. The Andes and Peru	11. Swiss History
	3. Modern Peru	12. Switzerland Today
	4. Quiz 1: Peru of the Andes	13. Project: Banking*
	5. Nepal of the Himalayas	14. Quiz 3: Switzerland of the Alps
	6. Geography of Nepal	15. Special Project*
	7. The Country of Nepal	16. Test
	8. Nepal Today	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Nepal of the Himalayas	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 8: Living In Island Countries		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Islands of the World	10. Japan
	2. Cuba, Pearl of the Antilles	11. The Empire of Japan
	3. Cuban History	12. Japanese Business and Lifestyle
	4. Life in Cuba	13. Japanese Religion and Art
	5. Quiz 1: Cuba	14. Quiz 3: Japan
	6. Iceland	15. Special Project*
	7. Saga of Iceland	16. Test
	8. Icelandic Life	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Iceland	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 9: North America		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Geography	10. Southern Countries: Mexico
	2. Peninsulas, Oceans, and Islands	11. Central America
	3. More About North America	12. West Indies
	4. Quiz 1: Geography	13. Project: Your State*
	5. Northern Countries: Greenland	14. Quiz 3: Southern Countries
	6. Canada	15. Special Project*
	7. United States	16. Test
	8. United States (Part 2)	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Northern Countries	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 10: Review		
History and Geography 400	Assignments	
	1. Europe and the Explorers	12. Review of South America (Part 2)
	2. Exploration	13. Review of Antarctica
	3. Review of Europe	14. Quiz 3: Southern Continents
	4. Quiz 1: Europe and the Explorers	15. North America
	5. Review of Asia (Part 1)	16. Regions of the United States
	6. Review of Asia (Part 2)	17. The North Polar Region
	7. Review of Africa	18. Quiz 4: North America and the North Polar Region
	8. Quiz 2: Asia and Africa	19. Special Project
	9. Southern Continents: Australia	20. Test
	10. Project: Investigate the Mystery	21. Alternate Test
	11. Review of South America (Part 1)	22. Glossary and Credits

(*) Indicates alternative assignment