

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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 you live. Students will also learn about the tools and technologies of geography such as globes, maps, charts, and global information systems.

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, and national parks.

- **Unit 1:** Students will discover the five themes of geography, describe earth's major physical features, and describe the characteristics of the world's ecosystems.
- **Unit 2:** Students will examine population growth, migration, economic systems, and sustainable development.
- **Unit 3:** Students will explore the human and physical geography of North America and address the environmental concerns facing Greenland, Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.
- **Unit 4:** Students will gain knowledge about the human and physical geography of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. They will also address the environmental concerns facing these areas.
- **Unit 5:** Students will describe the human and physical geography of Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica. They will also address the environmental concerns facing these areas.
- **Unit 7:** Students will examine the physical and human geography, environmental concerns and the major nations of Europe.
- **Unit 8:** Students will learn about the physical and human geography, environmental concerns and the major nations of Eastern Europe.
- **Unit 9:** Students will explore the physical and human geography, environmental concerns and the major nations of Sub-Saharan Africa.
- **Unit 10:** Students will describe the physical and human geography, environmental concerns and the major nations of North Africa and Southwest Asia.
- **Unit 11:** Students will explain the human and physical geography of Asia. They will also address the environmental concerns facing these areas.

Unit 1: Introduction to Geography		
World Geography	Assignments	
	1. Course Overview	13. Physical Characteristics
	2. What Is Geography?	14. Physical Processes: The Atmosphere and the Hydrosphere
	3. Project: Note It*	15. Physical Processes: The Lithosphere and the Biosphere
	4. Geographic Tools: Globes and Maps	16. Ecosystems
	5. Geographic Tools: Graphs, Charts, and More	17. Project: Map It*
	6. Analyzing Workplace Documents*	18. Quiz: Our Earth
	7. Quiz: Introduction to Geography	19. Special Project*
	8. Geographic Themes: Location and Place	20. Review
	9. Geographic Themes: Human-Environmental Interaction and Movement	21. Test: Introduction to Geography
	10. Geographic Themes: Regions	22. Alternate Test: Introduction to Geography*
	11. Project: Summarize It	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. Quiz: Geographic Themes	
Unit 2: Human Geography		
World Geography	Assignments	
	1. Population Growth and Technology	10. Quiz: Interactions
	2. Settlement and Movement	11. Geography's Impact on History
	3. Quiz: Where We Live	12. Population, Resources, and Technology
	4. Cultural Mosaics	13. Quiz: Humans and the Environment
	5. Economics	14. Project: Analyze Renewable Energy Sources
	6. Conflict and Cooperation	15. Special Project*
	7. Quiz: Culture, Economics, and Conflict	16. Review
	8. Humans and the Environment: Sustainable Development	17. Test: Human Geography
	9. Humans and the Environment: Pollution and Renewable Resources	18. Alternate Test: Human Geography*
		19. Glossary and Credits
Unit 3: North America		
World Geography	Assignments	
	1. North America in Spatial Terms	12. Environment and Society: North America
	2. The United States: The Northeast and the South	13. Historical Perspectives: North America
	3. The United States: The Midwest and the West	14. Looking Ahead: North America
	4. Canada and Greenland	15. Quiz: Uses of Geography - North America
	5. Mexico	16. Project: Analyze US National Parks
	6. Quiz: Physical Geography - North America	17. Special Project*
	7. Settlement and Movement: North America	18. Review
	8. Culture: North America	19. Test: North America
	9. Economics and Politics: North America	20. Alternate Test: North America*
	10. U.S. Economy: Cost-Benefit Analysis	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. Quiz: Human Geography - North America	

Unit 4: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	
Assignments	
1. Central America	10. Historical Perspectives: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean
2. South America	11. Project: Consider Cuba
3. The Caribbean	12. Looking Ahead: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean
4. Quiz: Physical Geography - Physical Geography - Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	13. Quiz: Uses of Geography - Central America, South America, and the Caribbean
5. Settlement and Movement: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	14. Special Project*
6. Culture: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	15. Review
7. Economics and Politics: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	16. Test: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean
8. Quiz: Human Geography - Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	17. Alternate Test: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean*
9. Environment and Society: Central America, South America, and the Caribbean	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica		
Assignments		
World Geography	1.	Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica in Spatial Terms
	2.	Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia
	3.	Australia and New Zealand
	4.	Antarctica
	5.	Quiz: Physical Geography - Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	6.	Settlement and Movement: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	7.	Culture: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	8.	Economics and Politics: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	9.	Quiz: Human Geography - Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	10.	Environment and Society: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	11.	Historical Perspectives: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	12.	Looking Ahead: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	13.	Project: Folk Tales and Culture
	14.	Quiz: Uses of Geography - Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	15.	Special Project*
	16.	Review
	17.	Test: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica
	18.	Alternate Test: Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica*
	19.	Glossary and Credits

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

Unit 7: Western Europe		
World Geography	Assignments	
	1. Project: Create a Hypothesis	10. Quiz: Human Geography - Western Europe
	2. Northern Region	11. Environment and Society: Western Europe
	3. Western Central Region	12. Historical Perspectives: Western Europe
	4. Southern Region	13. Looking Ahead: Western Europe
	5. Quiz: Physical Geography - Western Europe	14. Quiz: Uses of Geography - Western Europe
	6. Settlement and Movement: Western Europe	15. Special Project*
	7. Culture: Western Europe	16. Review
	8. Economics and Politics: Western Europe	17. Test: Western Europe
	9. Project: Chart Western Europe's Physical and Human Geography	18. Alternate Test: Western Europe*
		19. Glossary and Credits

Unit 8: Eastern Europe and Russia		
World Geography	Assignments	
	1. Central Region	11. Looking Ahead: Eastern Europe and Russia
	2. Balkan Region	12. Project: Impact of the Dissolution of the Soviet Union
	3. Eastern Region	13. Quiz: Uses of Geography - Eastern Europe and Russia
	4. Quiz: Physical Geography - Eastern Europe and Russia	14. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement: Eastern Europe and Russia	15. Review
	6. Culture: Eastern Europe and Russia	16. Test: Eastern Europe and Russia
	7. Economics and Politics: Eastern Europe and Russia	17. Alternate Test: Eastern Europe and Russia*
	8. Quiz: Human Geography - Eastern Europe and Russia	18. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society: Eastern Europe and Russia	
	10. Historical Perspectives: Eastern Europe and Russia	

Unit 9: Sub-Saharan Africa		
World Geography	Assignments	
	1. Sub-Saharan Africa in Spatial Terms	11. Historical Perspectives: Sub-Saharan Africa
	2. Project: Africa: Book Study	12. Looking Ahead: Sub-Saharan Africa
	3. West and Central Africa	13. Quiz: Uses of Geography - Sub-Saharan Africa
	4. East and Southern Africa	14. Project: Sub-Saharan Africa Problem and Solution Essay
	5. Quiz: Physical Geography - Sub-Saharan Africa	15. Special Project*
	6. Settlement and Movement: Sub-Saharan Africa	16. Review
	7. Culture: Sub-Saharan Africa	17. Test: Sub-Saharan Africa
	8. Economics and Politics: Sub-Saharan Africa	18. Alternate Test: Sub-Saharan Africa*
	9. Quiz: Human Geography - Sub-Saharan Africa	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Environment and Society: Sub-Saharan Africa	

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

Unit 11: Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia				
Assignments				
World Geography	1.	Central Asia	12.	Environment: South and Southeast Asia
	2.	South Asia	13.	Environment: East Asia
	3.	East Asia	14.	Project: Poetry Explication and Recitation
	4.	Southeast Asia	15.	Quiz: Uses of Geography: Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia
	5.	Project: Historical Events and Population Growth	16.	Special Project*
	6.	Quiz: Physical Geography - South and Southeast Asia	17.	Review
	7.	Historical Perspectives: South and Southeast Asia	18.	Test: Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia
	8.	Historical Perspectives: East Asia	19.	Alternate Test: Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia*
	9.	Culture: Central, South, East and Southeast Asia	20.	Glossary and Credits
	10.	Quiz: Human Geography - Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia		
	11.	Economics and Politics: Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia		

Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam	
Assignments	
1. Review	3. Alternate Exam: World Geography Semester II - Form A*
2. Exam: World Geography Semester II	4. Alternate Exam: World Geography Semester II - Form B*

Unit 13: Final Exam	
Assignments	
1. Exam: World Geography Final	3. Alternate Exam: World Geography Final - Form B
2. Alternate Exam: World Geography Final - Form A	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment