

Geography Foundations

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This Geography course will examine a broad range of geographical perspectives covering all of the major regions of the world. Each region will be reviewed in a similar structure so students can clearly see the similarities and differences between each region. Specifically, the course will explore where each region is located along with its physical characteristics, including absolute and relative location, climate, and significant geographical features. The exploration will then continue on to look at each region from a cultural, economic, and political perspective, closely examining the human impact on each region from these perspectives as well as how human activities impact the environments of the region.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- **Unit 1** – Demonstrate an understanding of geography and its definition
- **Unit 2** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in North America
- **Unit 3** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Central America
- **Unit 4** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in South America
- **Unit 5** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Western Europe
- **Unit 6** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Eastern Europe and Russia
- **Unit 7** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in East Asia
- **Unit 8** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures
- **Unit 9** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Africa
- **Unit 10** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in India and the Middle East

The course content has been appropriately grouped into smaller topics to increase retention and expand opportunities for assessment. With each topic, quizzes are presented to the student. Audio readings are included with every portion of content, allowing auditory learners the opportunity to engage with the course. Test pools and randomized test questions are utilized in quizzes as well as unit exams, ensuring that students taking the course will not be presented with the same exams. Additionally, the course includes additional practice activities (such as cloze activities), as well as pre-topic vocabulary lists, that introduce key vocabulary in English and in Spanish.

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PREREQUISITES:	None
COURSE LENGTH:	Two semesters
REQUIRED TEXT:	None

COURSE OUTLINE:

UNIT I: Introduction to Geography

- Section 1 - What is Geography?
- Section 2 - Locating Our Place in Space: Spatial Analysis
- Section 3 - Physical Attributes of Earth's Landscape
- Section 4 - Human Impact
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Careers in Geography

UNIT II: North America

- Section 1 - Where is...North America?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: North America

UNIT III: Central America

- Section 1 - Where is...Central America?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Central America

UNIT IV: South America

- Section 1 - Where is...South America?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: South America

UNIT V: Western Europe

- Section 1 - Where is...Western Europe?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Western Europe

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COURSE OUTLINE (continued):

UNIT VI: Eastern Europe and Russia

- Section 1 - Where is...Eastern Europe and Russia?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Eastern Europe and Russia

UNIT VII: East Asia

- Section 1 - Where is...East Asia?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: East Asia

UNIT VIII: Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures

- Section 1 - Where is... Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures

UNIT IX: Africa

- Section 1 - Where is... Africa?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Africa

UNIT X: India and the Middle East

- Section 1 - Where is... India and the Middle East?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: India and the Middle East

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