

Unit	Topic	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
<b>Introduction to History and Geography</b>			
<b>Principles of Geography</b>			
<b>What Is Geography?</b>			
Define geography as a field of study			
Explain the difference between physical and human geography			
Identify examples of how geography is used in the world around us			
<b>Understanding Geography</b>			
Explore the six essential elements of geography			
Identify ways that geographers use the six essential elements of geography to interpret our world			
<b>Organizing Our World</b>			
Understand the division of Earth into continents, oceans, and hemispheres			
Identify the Equator and the Prime Meridian			
Explain the concepts of latitude and longitude			
Describe the Earth's time zones and the International Date Line			
<b>Getting Familiar with Maps</b>			
Identify the purposes of map elements			
Explore the uses for and characteristics of different types of maps			
Understand what is meant by a map projection			
Compare and contrast commonly used map projections			
<b>New Technologies in Geography</b>			
Describe how remote sensing helps geographers gather information			
Explore how the Global Positioning System is used to map our world			
Explain how geographic information systems help geographers understand our world			
Apply new geographic technologies to plan for the future and to find solutions to problems			
<b>Social Studies Skills</b>			
<b>Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions</b>			
Identify strategies used in making inferences			
Analyze different clues that help people understand passages and images			
Investigate how to form a conclusion based on the clues gathered			
<b>Analyzing Data to Understand Changes</b>			
Identify key questions to ask when analyzing data			
Analyze how historians use numerical data to understand changes in society			
Draw conclusions about societal changes based on data analysis			

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**Common Issues Across Places and Times**

- Identify common issues that affect societies across different locations and times
- Explore how societies choose different approaches to solving common issues

**Connecting the Past to Present Issues**

- Identify contemporary problems and issues
- Explore decisions and events that have contributed to current issues
- Create policies for dealing with a present issue based on an understanding of what has happened in the past

**Physical Systems**

**Planet Earth**

**Our Planet Earth**

- Understand Earth's revolution, rotation, and tilt
- Explain seasonal change and differentiate between an equinox and a solstice
- Examine the Earth's four spheres and their roles in creating an environment that sustains life

**A Changing Planet**

- Identify the core, mantle, and crust of the Earth
- Illustrate the theory of continental drift
- Summarize the theory of plate tectonics
- Examine how the Earth's surface is shaped at plate boundaries

**Landforms and Physical Systems**

- Identify the major types of landforms found on Earth's surface
- Explore the major types of bodies of water on Earth's surface
- Describe the processes of weathering and erosion
- Observe the effects of weathering and erosion on Earth's landforms

**Natural Resources**

**Earth's Resources: Water**

- Distinguish between renewable and nonrenewable resources
- Describe the water cycle
- Identify bodies of water and water resources found on Earth
- Analyze issues regarding water supply and availability

**Earth's Resources: Forests and the Land**

- Describe the use of land and soil as renewable resources
- Examine the value of forests as a renewable resource
- Identify steps people are taking to protect soil and forests for the future

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<b>Earth's Resources: Minerals and Fossil Fuels</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify examples of nonrenewable resources and locate them on a map</li> <li>Describe the value of minerals as resources</li> <li>Explain how fossil fuels are created and how they are used in human society</li> </ul>
<b>Climate and Weather</b>			
<b>Weather and the Earth's Atmosphere</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the characteristics of weather</li> <li>Identify common types of precipitation</li> <li>Understand how meteorologists measure weather</li> <li>Explain how societies prepare for and respond to severe weather</li> </ul>
<b>Earth's Climate Types</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain how the Earth's physical features and patterns influence climates</li> <li>Identify the locations of the Earth's major climate types</li> <li>Describe the characteristics of major climate types</li> </ul>
<b>Earth's Biomes</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand why the Earth's surface is divided into different biomes</li> <li>Explore the Earth's biomes and identify their locations</li> <li>Describe the plant and animal life found in each biome</li> </ul>
<b>Human Systems</b>			
<b>Cultural Geography</b>			
<b>Elements of Culture</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe traits and elements of culture</li> <li>Explain how geographers use culture to define a region</li> <li>Examine different types of culture found around the world</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Differences</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguish between race and ethnicity</li> <li>Locate and categorize major language groups</li> <li>Examine the differences and similarities between major world religions</li> </ul>
<b>Population</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define population and compare the populations of major world nations</li> <li>Analyze factors that influence population growth and decline</li> <li>Understand population density</li> </ul>

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<b>Migration and Cultural Diffusion</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify types of human migration</li> <li>Explain how push and pull factors influence human migration</li> <li>Investigate examples of cultural diffusion</li> </ul>
<b>People and Their Environment</b>			
<b>Culture and the Environment</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the role that the environment plays in shaping culture</li> <li>Identify ways that humans have adapted to their environments</li> <li>Explore ways that humans have modified their environments</li> </ul>
<b>Human Impact on the Environment</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the ways in which human activities have changed the environment</li> <li>Explain the benefits humans receive from modifying the environment</li> <li>Describe environmental problems caused by human activities</li> </ul>
<b>Resources, Energy, and Sustainability</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify ways that humans manage and protect resources for the future</li> <li>Describe renewable forms of energy and new technologies that will impact energy in the future</li> <li>Examine actions taken by governments and individuals to protect the environment</li> </ul>
<b>Expository Essay - Conservation</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine good writing habits developed at earlier stages in core education</li> <li>Use writing as both a tool for learning and a means for communicating about ideas within a discipline or profession</li> <li>Using the Six Traits, evaluate and revise your essay</li> </ul>
<b>Economic and Political Geography</b>			
<b>Boundaries and Territory</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the concepts of territory and boundaries</li> <li>Explain physical and human factors that create and change boundaries</li> <li>Distinguish between states and nations</li> </ul>
<b>Political Systems</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differentiate among unitary, federal, and confederate systems of government</li> <li>Explore the different forms of government currently used throughout the world</li> <li>Identify major supranational organizations and define their purposes</li> </ul>

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### **Economic Systems**

- Explore essential economic concepts, including scarcity, opportunity costs, benefits, and incentives
- Describe the factors of production
- Explain the three basic economic questions
- Compare and contrast traditional, command, market, and mixed economies

### **Economic Indicators**

- Explore the different economic sectors and how technology changes them
- Explain what is meant by economic development
- Understand the concepts of GDP and GDP per capita
- Differentiate between developed and developing countries

### **The Global Economy**

- Explore the role of a nation's resources in international trade
- Understand why international trade requires a system for exchanging currency between nations
- Identify international trade organizations and agreements that promote and facilitate trade between countries

## **Africa**

### **Physical Geography of Africa**

#### **Physical Features of the Sahara and the Sahel**

- Locate the major landforms in the Sahara and the Sahel regions
- Identify the major rivers and other bodies of water in the Sahara and the Sahel

#### **Physical Features of Sub-Saharan Africa**

- Locate the major landforms in sub-Saharan Africa
- Identify the major rivers and other bodies of water in sub-Saharan Africa

#### **Climates and Ecosystems of Africa**

- Identify and locate the major climate regions of Africa
- Locate the ecosystems of Africa and identify examples of commonly found plant and animal life
- Explore the effect of Africa's climates on its populations

### **Cultural Foundations in Africa**

#### **Ancient Civilizations: Prehistory**

- Describe the societies and cultures of early humans in the Paleolithic Era
- Explore the effect of the Neolithic Revolution on human societies
- Analyze patterns of early human migration

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			<p><b>Ancient Civilizations: The Nile Valley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the importance of the Nile River as a water source</li> <li>Explain the formation of a civilization in Egypt</li> <li>Examine the importance of the Nile in the development of trade between Egypt and its neighbors</li> </ul> <p><b>Ancient Civilizations: Egyptian Culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the importance of religion in early Egyptian culture</li> <li>Describe the structure of ancient Egypt's government and society</li> <li>Outline influential cultural achievements of Egyptian civilization</li> </ul> <p><b>History of Africa: Kingdoms of Salt and Gold</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate the empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai in West Africa</li> <li>Examine the importance of the empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai as centers of commerce</li> <li>Describe the political and social systems of the empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Regional Studies: Africa</b></p> <p><b>Political Geography of Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate major countries and population centers in Africa</li> <li>Explore the features of the systems of government found in Africa</li> <li>Compare the governments of Kenya, South Africa, and Sudan with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural Characteristics of Northern Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the cultural characteristics of Northern Africa</li> <li>Investigate the role of Islam in the language and culture of Northern Africa</li> <li>Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in Northern Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural Characteristics of Sub-Saharan Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the diversity of languages and religions in sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li>Explore the cultural characteristics of sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li>Investigate the factors that affect the standard of living in sub-Saharan Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Natural Resources and Economies of Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and locate natural resources in Africa</li> <li>Explain how natural resources can lead to conflict</li> <li>Describe the major economic activities of Africa</li> <li>Compare economic systems found in Nigeria and South Africa</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>Environmental Issues in Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify ways that human populations have interacted with the land in Africa</li> <li>Identify ways that human populations have interacted with water in Africa</li> <li>Summarize major environmental concerns in Africa today</li> </ul> <p><b>Modern Issues in Africa: Heritage of Colonialism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the reasons for the European colonization of Africa</li> <li>Explore the roles of pan-Africanism and nationalism in African independence movements</li> <li>Discuss the role of apartheid in South Africa's history</li> <li>Investigate the causes of conflict and civil war in independent Africa</li> </ul>
<b>The Middle East</b>			
			<p><b>Physical Geography of the Middle East</b></p> <p><b>Physical Features of the Arabian Peninsula and Neighbors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate the major landforms of the Arabian Peninsula and its neighboring regions</li> <li>Determine the location of key deserts in the Middle East</li> <li>Identify important bodies of water around the Arabian Peninsula and in its neighboring regions</li> <li>Examine features of the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers</li> </ul> <p><b>Physical Features of the Eastern Mediterranean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate the major landforms of the Eastern Mediterranean</li> <li>Identify key bodies of water in and around the Eastern Mediterranean</li> <li>Examine the features of the Dead Sea</li> </ul> <p><b>Climates and Ecosystems of the Middle East</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and locate the major climate regions of the Middle East</li> <li>Locate the ecosystems of the Middle East and identify examples of native plant and animal life</li> <li>Explore the effect of the Middle East's climates on its populations</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Cultural Foundations in the Middle East</b></p> <p><b>Mesopotamia and the Agricultural Revolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the role of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in encouraging settlement in Mesopotamia</li> <li>Investigate connections between the geography of Mesopotamia and the development of its peoples' cultures</li> </ul> <p>Evaluate the impact of cultural and scientific advances in ancient Mesopotamian civilizations</p> <p><b>Ancient Civilizations: Sumer and Babylon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the roles of government and religion in early Mesopotamian civilizations</li> <li>Explain how conflicts developed between the Sumerian cities, leading to the fall of Sumer</li> <li>Evaluate the impact of Hammurabi and the Babylonians on Mesopotamian culture</li> </ul>

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<b>Ancient Civilizations: Phoenicia and Israel</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the early history of the Hebrews</li> <li>Investigate how Jewish culture has affected other cultures and religions</li> <li>Explore the impact of Phoenician trade on the spread of cultural traditions throughout the Mediterranean</li> </ul>			
<b>History of the Middle East: Islam and Arab Empires</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the early development of Islam and its division into separate branches</li> <li>Summarize the expansion of caliphates and Arab empires</li> <li>Determine the importance of Arab cultures in medicine, art, science, and education</li> </ul>			
<b>Regional Studies: the Middle East</b>			
<b>Political Geography of the Middle East</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate major countries and population centers in the Middle East</li> <li>Explore the features of the systems of government found in the Middle East</li> <li>Compare the governments of Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Iran with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation</li> </ul>			
<b>Cultural Characteristics of the Middle East</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the cultural characteristics of the Middle East</li> <li>Investigate the role of Islam in the language and culture of the Middle East</li> <li>Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in the Middle East</li> </ul>			
<b>Natural Resources and Economies of the Middle East</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and locate natural resources in the Middle East</li> <li>Explain how natural resources have led to conflict</li> <li>Describe the major economic activities of the Middle East</li> <li>Compare economic systems found in Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey</li> </ul>			
<b>Environmental Issues in the Middle East</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify ways that human populations have interacted with water in the Middle East</li> <li>Describe ways that the oil industry has affected the environment of the Middle East</li> <li>Summarize major environmental concerns in the growing cities of the Middle East</li> </ul>			
<b>Modern Issues in the Middle East: Conflicts and Challenges</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the effects of the occupation and partitioning of the Middle East by European nations</li> <li>Examine how the foundation of the state of Israel led to conflict</li> <li>Summarize the events that have caused conflict in the Middle East in recent decades</li> </ul>			



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<b>South and Southeast Asia</b>			
<b>Physical Geography of South and Southeast Asia</b>			
<b>Physical Features of South Asia</b>			
Locate the major landforms in India and South Asia			
Understand how the movement of plates caused the formation of the Himalayas			
Identify key bodies of water in India and South Asia			
<b>Physical Features of Southeast Asia</b>			
Locate the major landforms in Southeast Asia			
Identify key bodies of water in Southeast Asia			
<b>Climates and Ecosystems of South and Southeast Asia</b>			
Identify and locate the major climate regions of South and Southeast Asia			
Locate the ecosystems of South and Southeast Asia and identify examples of native plants and animal life			
Explore the effect of Southeast Asia's climates on its populations			
<b>Cultural Foundations in India and South Asia</b>			
<b>Ancient Civilizations: Indus River Valley Civilizations</b>			
Describe the importance of the Indus River in the development of early Indian settlements			
Understand the accomplishments of early civilizations in the Indus River Valley			
Investigate the evidence for the Aryan migration			
Examine the results of the Aryan migration to South Asia			
<b>History of South Asia: Heritage of Indian Religions</b>			
Explore the origins of Hinduism in India			
Describe the connections between Hinduism and Indian society			
Explain the foundation of Buddhism and its connections to Hinduism			
<b>History of South Asia: Early Indian Empires</b>			
Describe the history of the Mauryan Empire and the spread of Buddhism			
Analyze the scientific and intellectual contributions of the Gupta Empire			
Describe the arrival of Islam and the rule of the Mughal Empire			
<b>History of South Asia: Impact of Colonialism</b>			
Summarize the era of European exploration and colonization in South Asia			
Explore the role of nationalism in South Asia's journey toward independence			
Explain the partition of India and its effect on India today			

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<b>Regional Studies: South and Southeast Asia</b>			
<b>Political Geography of South and Southeast Asia</b>			
Locate major countries and population centers in South and Southeast Asia			
Explore the features of the systems of government found in South and Southeast Asia			
Compare the governments of India and Pakistan with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation			
<b>Cultural Characteristics of South and Southeast Asia</b>			
Explore the cultural characteristics of South and Southeast Asia			
Identify the most commonly practiced religions in South and Southeast Asia, and explain how religion has influenced architecture in these regions			
Investigate the factors that affect the standard of living in South and Southeast Asia			
<b>Natural Resources and Economies of South and Southeast Asia</b>			
Identify and locate natural resources in South and Southeast Asia			
Describe major economic activities in South and Southeast Asia			
Compare and contrast the economies of India and Singapore			
<b>Environmental Issues in South and Southeast Asia</b>			
Identify ways that human populations have interacted with the land in South Asia and Southeast Asia			
Describe ways that human populations have interacted with water in South Asia and Southeast Asia			
Examine the causes and effects of pollution in South Asia and Southeast Asia today			
<b>Central and East Asia</b>			
<b>Physical Geography of Central and East Asia</b>			
<b>Physical Features of Central Asia</b>			
Locate the major landforms of Central Asia			
Determine the location of key deserts in Central Asia			
Identify key bodies of water in Central Asia and in its neighboring regions			
Examine the features of the rivers in Central Asia			
<b>Physical Features of East Asia</b>			
Locate the major landforms of East Asia			
Determine the location of key deserts in East Asia			
Identify important bodies of water in East Asia			
Examine the features of the Yangtze and Huang He Rivers			
<b>Climates and Ecosystems of Central and East Asia</b>			
Identify and locate the major climate regions of Central and East Asia			
Locate the ecosystems of Central and East Asia and identify examples of native plant and animal life			
Explore the effect of Central and East Asia's climates on the population of the region			

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<b>Cultural Foundations in Central and East Asia</b>			
<b>Ancient Civilizations: Chinese River Valleys</b>			
Describe the first civilization that developed in the Huang He (Yellow) River valley			
Examine the rise of the Shang dynasty and identify its achievements			
Summarize the Mandate of Heaven and its importance in Chinese dynasties			
<b>Ancient Civilizations: Chinese Dynasties</b>			
Describe the rise of the Qin dynasty, and identify its achievements			
Trace the development of Confucianism, and explain its importance to the Chinese government			
Examine the achievements of the Han dynasty			
<b>History of Asia: Central Asia and the Silk Road</b>			
Summarize the development of pastoralism and nomadic cultures in Central Asia			
Trace the development of the Silk Road, and identify the trade goods that fueled its growth			
Explain the significance of the Silk Road to the growth of civilizations across the Eastern Hemisphere			
<b>History of Asia: Formation of Modern China</b>			
Identify how foreign influences contributed to the end of Chinese dynastic rule			
Trace the rise of Communism in China and the events of the resulting civil war			
Explain the effects of government programs created by Mao Zedong			
Describe the reforms initiated by Den Xiaoping			
<b>Regional Studies: Central and East Asia</b>			
<b>Political Geography of Central and East Asia</b>			
Locate major countries and population centers in Central and East Asia			
Explore the features of the systems of government found in Central and East Asia			
Compare the governments of China and Japan with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation			
<b>Cultural Characteristics of Central and East Asia</b>			
Explore the cultural characteristics of Central and East Asia			
Compare and contrast the most commonly practiced religions and philosophies of Central and East Asia			
Investigate the factors that affect the standards of living in Central and East Asia			
<b>Natural Resources and Economies of Central and East Asia</b>			
Identify and locate natural resources in Central and East Asia			
Describe the major economic activities of Central and East Asia			
Compare economic systems found in China, Japan, and North Korea			

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<b>Environmental Issues in Central and East Asia</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify ways that human populations have interacted with the land in Central and East Asia</li> <li>Identify ways that human populations have interacted with water in Central and East Asia</li> <li>Investigate the causes and effects of pollution in the nations of Central and East Asia today</li> </ul>
<b>Modern Issues in China and East Asia</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the factors that can cause a population to grow and decline</li> <li>Understand why the population of China experienced rapid growth in the 20th century</li> <li>Explain why the population of Japan began to decline in the 21st century</li> <li>Compare China's and Japan's responses to population issues</li> </ul>
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>			
<b>Physical and Historical Geography of Australia and Oceania</b>			
<b>Physical Features of Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate Australia and Oceania on a map and identify the countries found in these regions</li> <li>Identify key landforms and bodies of water in Australia and Oceania</li> <li>Explore the physical geography and history of Antarctica</li> </ul>			
<b>Climates and Ecosystems of Australia and Oceania</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and locate the major climate regions of Australia and Oceania</li> <li>Locate the ecosystems of Australia and Oceania, and identify examples of native plant and animal life</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine environmental issues affecting Australia and Oceania</li> </ul>			
<b>Modern History of Australia and Oceania: Colonization</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the cultures of the indigenous peoples of Australia and Oceania</li> <li>Describe the colonization of Australia and Oceania by European nations</li> <li>Examine the impact of colonization on the Maori and Aboriginal Australians</li> </ul>			
<b>Regional Studies: Australia and Oceania</b>			
<b>Political Geography of Australia and Oceania</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate major countries and population centers in Australia and Oceania</li> <li>Compare and contrast the government systems found in Australian and New Zealand</li> <li>Explore the features of the government systems of the Pacific Islands</li> </ul>			
<b>Cultural Characteristics of Australia and Oceania</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the cultural characteristics of Australia and Oceania</li> <li>Identify European influences on the modern cultures of Australia and New Zealand</li> <li>Analyze the factors that affect the standard of living in Australia and Oceania</li> </ul>			

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**Natural Resources and Economies of Australia and Oceania**

Identify and locate natural resources in Australia and Oceania

Examine the development of major economic sectors of Australia and Oceania, and identify geographic factors that influence their locations

Analyze the role of international trade in the economies of the Pacific Islands

**Expository Essay - Visiting an Interesting Place**

Refine good writing habits developed at earlier stages in core education

Use writing as both a tool for learning and a means for communicating about ideas within a discipline or profession

Using the Six Traits, evaluate and revise your essay

**Europe**

**Physical Geography of Europe**

**Physical Features of Europe: Western Europe**

Locate the major landforms of Western Europe

Determine the locations of key peninsulas in Western Europe

Examine key bodies of water in and around Western Europe

**Physical Features of Europe: Eastern Europe and Russia**

Locate the major landforms of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Russia

Identify key features in Siberia and Eastern Russia

Examine key bodies of water in and around Eastern Europe and Russia

**Climates and Ecosystems of Europe and Russia**

Identify and locate the major climate regions of Europe and Russia

Describe the major ecosystems of Europe and Russia, and identify examples of native plant and animal life

Examine how climate has affected settlement patterns in Europe and Russia

Investigate ways humans have adapted to extreme physical environments in Europe and Russia

**Cultural Foundations in Europe**

**Ancient Civilizations: Classical Greece**

Examine the forms of government used in classical Greek city-states

Explore the culture of classical Greek city-states

Investigate the Golden Age of Athens and the fall of the Greek city-states

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			<p><b>Ancient Civilizations: Greek Empires</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize the growth of Alexander's Greek Empire</li> <li>Explore the fall of the Greek Empire</li> <li>Investigate the concept of Hellenization and the spread of Greek culture</li> </ul> <p><b>Ancient Civilizations: The Roman Republic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize the territorial and cultural expansion of the Roman Republic</li> <li>Explore the government of the Roman Republic</li> <li>Investigate the society and the military of the Roman Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>Ancient Civilizations: The Roman Empire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the transition from the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire</li> <li>Analyze the reasons for the decline of the Roman Empire</li> <li>Evaluate the legacy of Roman culture</li> </ul> <p><b>History of Europe: Spread of Christianity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the origins of early Christianity and its relationship to Judaism</li> <li>Assess the influence of early Christianity on the Roman Empire</li> <li>Investigate the spread of Christianity throughout Europe</li> </ul> <p><b>History of Europe: Medieval and Renaissance Eras</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the cultural and societal changes that took place in Medieval Europe</li> <li>Examine the role of the Catholic Church in changing the culture of the Middle Ages</li> <li>Investigate the cultural changes that took place during the European Renaissance</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Regional Studies: Europe</b></p> <p><b>Political Geography of Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate major countries and population centers in Europe and Russia</li> <li>Explore the features of the systems of government found in Europe and Russia</li> <li>Compare the governments of the United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural Characteristics of Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the various languages and cultures of Western Europe</li> <li>Investigate the factors that have influenced cultures and languages in Eastern Europe</li> <li>Explore the cultural characteristics of Russia</li> <li>Examine factors that affect the standard of living in Europe and Russia</li> </ul>

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<b>Natural Resources and Economies of Europe</b>			
Identify and locate natural resources in Europe and Russia			
Describe major economic activities in Europe and Russia			
Compare and contrast the economies of the United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia			
<b>Environmental Issues in Europe</b>			
Identify ways that humans have modified the land and water in Europe			
Examine the effects of air and water pollution in Europe			
Investigate solutions to energy issues in Europe			
<b>Modern Issues in Europe: Postwar Conflict and Cooperation</b>			
Identify major effects of World War I and World War II			
Examine the effects of the collapse of the Soviet Union			
Investigate how the European Union increased cooperation between member nations			
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>			
<b>Physical Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean</b>			
<b>Physical Features of Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean</b>			
Locate the major landforms of Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean			
Identify major rivers and other bodies of water in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean			
Examine the effects of tectonic activity on the geography of Central America			
<b>Physical Features of South America</b>			
Locate the major landforms of South America			
Identify key bodies of water in South America			
<b>Climates and Ecosystems of Latin America</b>			
Identify and locate the major climate regions in Latin America			
Locate the ecosystems of Latin America and identify examples of native plant and animal life			
Explore the effect of Latin America's climates on the population of the region			
<b>Cultural Foundations in Latin America and the Caribbean</b>			
<b>Ancient Civilizations: The Maya</b>			
Describe the emergence of early civilizations in Mesoamerica			
Explore the rise of the Maya empire			
Examine the cultural achievements of the Maya			
Analyze the importance of religion in Maya culture			

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<b>Ancient Civilizations: The Aztec and the Inca</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the rise of the Aztec and Inca empires</li> <li>Describe ways in which the Aztec and the Inca adapted to their environmental conditions</li> <li>Explore major cultural characteristics and achievements of the Aztec and the Inca</li> <li>Compare and contrast the cultures of important civilizations</li> </ul>
<b>History of the Americas: Heritage of Colonialism</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the reasons for European exploration</li> <li>Outline the exploratory accomplishments and conquests of Portugal and Spain</li> <li>Investigate the effects of exploration on European, Latin American, and African cultures</li> <li>Examine the trade networks that developed as a result of European exploration</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Studies: Latin America</b>			
<b>Political Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate major countries and population centers in Latin America and the Caribbean</li> <li>Explore the features of the systems of government found in Latin America and the Caribbean</li> <li>Compare the governments of Mexico, Brazil, and Cuba with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Characteristics of Latin America and the Caribbean</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the effects of European colonization on the cultures of Latin America</li> <li>Explore the cultural characteristics of Latin America and the Caribbean</li> <li>Examine the factors that affect the standards of living in Latin America and the Caribbean</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Resources and Economies of Latin America</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and locate natural resources in Latin America</li> <li>Describe major economic activities in Latin America</li> <li>Compare the economic systems found in Brazil and Cuba</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Issues in Latin America</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify ways that human populations have modified the land in Latin America</li> <li>Identify ways that human populations have modified the water in Latin America</li> <li>Summarize the major environmental concerns of Latin America today</li> </ul>
<b>Modern Issues in Latin America</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the causes and effects of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest</li> <li>Examine the consequences of the illegal drug trade in Latin America</li> </ul>



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<b>The US and Canada</b>			
<b>Physical Geography of the US and Canada</b>			
<b>Physical Features of the United States</b>			
Locate the major landforms of the United States			
Describe the characteristics of important physical features in the United States			
Identify key rivers and other bodies of water in the United States			
<b>Physical Features of Canada</b>			
Locate the major landforms of Canada			
Describe the characteristics of important physical features in Canada			
Identify key rivers and other bodies of water in Canada			
Explain the effects of the Continental Divide			
<b>Climates and Ecosystems of the US and Canada</b>			
Identify and locate the major climate regions of the US and Canada			
Locate the ecosystems of the US and Canada and identify examples of commonly found plant and animal life			
Explore ways in which climate affects settlement patterns in the US and Canada			
Investigate the effects of tropical storms in the region			
<b>Cultural Foundations in the US and Canada</b>			
<b>Ancient Civilizations: Early Peoples of North America</b>			
Describe patterns of early human migrations to North America			
Explore how Paleo-Indians populated North America and adapted to their surroundings			
Summarize the influence of agriculture on Archaic Indian societies			
<b>Ancient Civilizations: Native American and Inuit Cultures</b>			
Locate the regions where early North American people lived			
Explore how environments affected early North American people			
Examine certain cultural elements of early North American groups			
<b>History of the US: Foundations of Democracy</b>			
Explore changes in government and philosophy during the Enlightenment			
Examine the impact of the Enlightenment on the American Revolution			
Summarize ancient Greek and Roman ideas about democracy and citizenship			
Assess the importance of Greek and Roman ideals in the creation of the American political process			

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<b>Regional Studies: the US and Canada</b>			
<b>Political Geography of the US and Canada</b>			
Locate major states and provinces in the US and Canada			
Explore the features of the systems of government found in the US and Canada			
Compare the governments of the US and Canada with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation			
<b>Cultural Characteristics of the US and Canada</b>			
Explore the cultural characteristics of the US and Canada			
Investigate the role of early exploration by the English and the French in the development of the languages and cultures of the US and Canada			
Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in the US and Canada			
Discuss the diffusion of American culture around the world			
<b>Natural Resources and Economies of the US and Canada</b>			
Identify and locate natural resources in the US and Canada			
Describe steps the US and Canada are taking to overcome challenges with energy resources			
Investigate major economic sectors of the US and Canada, and identify geographic factors that influence their location			
Compare the economic systems found in the US and Canada			
<b>Environmental Issues in the US and Canada</b>			
Identify ways that humans have modified the environment in the US and Canada			
Understand how growing cities have affected the environment in the US and Canada			
Investigate the effects of air pollution and water pollution on the environment in the US			
Examine the effects of logging and mining on the environment in Canada			