

TX-Grade 6 Contemporary World Regions		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Understanding Global Regions		
Understanding Geography		
		Explore the six essential elements of geography
		Identify ways that geographers use the six essential elements of geography to interpret our world
Getting Familiar with Maps		
		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
Utilizing Timelines, Charts, and Graphs in Social Studies		
		Describe important steps to take when reading and using timelines.
		Explain how to read and use tables and organizers.
		Identify important steps to take when reading and using charts and graphs.
World Geography: Western Hemisphere		
		Locate the physical features of the Western Hemisphere.
		Locate the political features of the Western hemisphere.
		Describe the cultural characteristics of the Western Hemisphere.
		Interpret maps, charts, and graphs using geography skills.
World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere		
		Locate the physical features of the Eastern Hemisphere.
		Locate the political features of the Eastern Hemisphere.

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		Describe the cultural characteristics of the Eastern Hemisphere.
		Interpret maps, charts, and graphs using geography and history skills.
	Resources, Energy, and Sustainability	
		Identify ways that humans manage and protect resources for the future
		Describe renewable forms of energy and new technologies that will impact energy in the future
		Examine actions taken by governments and individuals to protect the environment
	Unit Test	
Geography Concepts and Skills		
	Migration and Cultural Diffusion	
		Identify types of human migration
		Explain how push and pull factors influence human migration
		Investigate examples of cultural diffusion
	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
	The Contemporary Global Economy	
		Explain how globalization has affected people around the world.
		Describe the effects of global trade on the American economy.
		Explain how the economy of a country is measured.
	Research in Social Studies	

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		Identify how to generate an appropriate research question.
		Explain how to evaluate the reliability of a resource.
		Describe how to avoid plagiarism.
	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
	Unit Test	
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
	Political Geography of Africa	
		Locate major countries and population centers in Africa
		Explore the features of the systems of government found in Africa

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		Compare the governments of Kenya, South Africa, and Sudan with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation
	Environmental Issues in Africa	
		Identify ways that human populations have interacted with the land in Africa
		Identify ways that human populations have interacted with water in Africa
		Summarize major environmental concerns in Africa today
	Write an Argumentative Essay about Africa's Environment	
		Introduce and support a claim about a topic.
		Organize reasons and evidence to support a claim.
		Use transitional words and phrases to connect ideas.
		Explain how to write an argumentative essay.
	Cultural Characteristics of Northern Africa	
		Explore the cultural characteristics of Northern Africa
		Investigate the role of Islam in the language and culture of Northern Africa
		Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in Northern Africa
	Cultural Characteristics of Sub-Saharan Africa	
		Describe the diversity of languages and religions in sub-Saharan Africa
		Explore the cultural characteristics of sub-Saharan Africa
		Investigate the factors that affect the standard of living in sub-Saharan Africa
	Natural Resources and Economies of Africa	
		Identify and locate natural resources in Africa
		Explain how natural resources can lead to conflict

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		Describe the major economic activities of Africa
		Compare economic systems found in Nigeria and South Africa
	Modern Issues in Africa: Heritage of Colonialism	
		Identify the reasons for the European colonization of Africa
		Explore the roles of pan-Africanism and nationalism in African independence movements
		Discuss the role of apartheid in South Africa's history
		Investigate the causes of conflict and civil war in independent Africa
	Unit Test	
The Middle East		
	Physical Features of the Arabian Peninsula and Neighbors	
		Locate the major landforms of the Arabian Peninsula and its neighboring regions
		Determine the location of key deserts in the Middle East
		Identify important bodies of water around the Arabian Peninsula and in its neighboring regions
		Examine features of the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers
	Physical Features of the Eastern Mediterranean	
		Locate the major landforms of the Eastern Mediterranean
		Identify key bodies of water in and around the Eastern Mediterranean
		Examine the features of the Dead Sea
	Political Geography of the Middle East	
		Locate major countries and population centers in the Middle East
		Explore the features of the systems of government found in the Middle East

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		Compare the governments of Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Iran with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation
	Cultural Characteristics of the Middle East	<p>Explore the cultural characteristics of the Middle East</p> <p>Investigate the role of Islam in the language and culture of the Middle East</p> <p>Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in the Middle East</p>
	Climates and Ecosystems of the Middle East	<p>Identify and locate the major climate regions of the Middle East</p> <p>Locate the ecosystems of the Middle East and identify examples of native plant and animal life</p> <p>Explore the effect of the Middle East's climates on its populations</p>
	Our Interconnected World	<p>Identify ways social media influences the growth of businesses.</p> <p>Explain how social media affects the diffusion of ideas.</p> <p>Analyze the role of social media during the Arab Spring.</p>
	Predicting the Future: Resources in the Middle East	<p>Examine data and maps to analyze the relationship between population distribution and resources in the Middle East.</p> <p>Identify problems associated with limited resources in the Middle East.</p> <p>Make predictions about the social, economic, and environmental impacts of relying on the process of desalination for the water supply.</p>

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	Participating in a Class Discussion	
		Prepare for a group discussion.
		Apply strategies for listening and responding to other speakers.
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South and Southeast Asia		
	Physical Features of South Asia	
		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
	Physical Features of Southeast Asia	
		Locate the major landforms in Southeast Asia
		Identify key bodies of water in Southeast Asia
	History of South Asia: Impact of Colonialism	
		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
	Political Geography of South and Southeast Asia	
		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
	Cultural Characteristics of South and Southeast	

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	Asia	
		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
	Natural Resources and Economies of South Asia	
		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
	Environmental Issues in South and Southeast Asia	
		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
	Unit Test	
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	Central and East Asia	
	Physical Features of Central Asia	
		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

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		Examine the features of the rivers in Central Asia
	Physical Features of East Asia	
		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
	Political Geography of Central and East Asia	
		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
	Cultural Characteristics of Central and East Asia	
		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
	Natural Resources and Economies of East Asia	
		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
	Environmental Issues in Central and East Asia	
		Identify ways that human populations have interacted with the land in Central and East Asia
		Identify ways that human populations have interacted with water in Central and East Asia

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		Investigate the causes and effects of pollution in the nations of Central and East Asia today
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	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
	Political Geography of Europe	
		Locate major countries and population centers in Europe and Russia
		Explore the features of the systems of government found in Europe and Russia
		Compare the governments of the United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation
	Cultural Characteristics of Europe	
		Describe the various languages and cultures of Western Europe
		Investigate the factors that have influenced cultures and languages in Eastern Europe
		Explore the cultural characteristics of Russia
		Examine factors that affect the standard of living in Europe and Russia
	Natural Resources and Economies of Europe	

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		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
	Writing Workshop: Writing to Compare a Democracy to a Dictatorship	
		Explain how to write an informative essay.
		Select relevant content to develop a topic.
		Use strategies to convey ideas, concepts, and information about a topic.
		Revise writing to use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.
	Unit Test	
	Australia and Oceania	
	Physical Features of Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica	
		Locate Australia and Oceania on a map and identify the countries found in these regions
		Identify key landforms and bodies of water in Australia and Oceania
		Explore the physical geography and history of Antarctica
	Climates and Ecosystems of Australia and Oceania	
		Identify and locate the major climate regions of Australia and Oceania
		Locate the ecosystems of Australia and Oceania, and identify examples of native plant and animal life
		Examine environmental issues affecting Australia and Oceania
	Political Geography of Australia and Oceania	
		Locate major countries and population centers in Australia and Oceania
		Compare and contrast the government systems found in Australian and New Zealand

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		Explore the features of the government systems of the Pacific Islands
	Cultural Characteristics of Australia and Oceania	
		Explore the cultural characteristics of Australia and Oceania
		Identify European influences on the modern cultures of Australia and New Zealand
		Analyze the factors that affect the standard of living in Australia and Oceania
	Natural Resources and Economies of 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
	Unit Test	
Latin America and the Caribbean		
	Physical Features of Central America	
		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
	Physical Features of South America	
		Locate the major landforms of South America
		Identify key bodies of water in South America
	Climates and Ecosystems of Latin America	
		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

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		Explore the effect of Latin America's climates on the population of the region
	Political Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean	
		Locate major countries and population centers in Latin America and the Caribbean
		Explore the features of the systems of government found in Latin America and the Caribbean
		Compare the governments of Mexico, Brazil, and Cuba with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation
	History of the Americas: Heritage of Colonialism	
		Explore the reasons for European exploration
		Outline the exploratory accomplishments and conquests of Portugal and Spain
		Investigate the effects of exploration on European, Latin American, and African cultures
		Examine the trade networks that developed as a result of European exploration
	Cultural Characteristics of Latin America	
		Evaluate the effects of European colonization on the cultures of Latin America
		Explore the cultural characteristics of Latin America and the Caribbean
		Examine the factors that affect the standards of living in Latin America and the Caribbean
	Natural Resources and Economies of Latin America	
		Identify and locate natural resources in Latin America
		Describe major economic activities in Latin America
		Compare the economic systems found in Brazil and Cuba
	Modern Issues in Latin America	
		Explain the causes and effects of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest

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		Examine the consequences of the illegal drug trade in Latin America
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	The US and Canada	
	Physical Features of the United States	
		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
	Physical Features of Canada	
		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
	History of the US: Foundations of Democracy	
		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
	Political Geography of the US and Canada	
		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
	Cultural Characteristics of the US and Canada	

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		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
	Americans and Their Environment	
		Identify ways that human activity has impacted the environment.
		Describe ways Americans are working to solve environmental challenges.
		Explain how the environment influences human behavior.
	Ethics of Industrialization	
		Examine early labor laws and conditions
		Explain movements for change that grew out of the conditions of the Industrial Revolution
		Examine modern labor laws and conditions and make global comparisons
		Analyze controversies surrounding the use of sweatshops
	Influence of Contemporary Issues on Creative Works	
		Describe how contemporary issues influence creative works.
		Identify examples of creative works that express contemporary issues.
	Problem Solving in Social Studies	
		Learn about the steps involved in a problem-solving process.
		Apply a problem-solving process to a problem.
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