

TX-World Geography Studies		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Introduction to Geography		
Utilizing Maps in Social Studies		
		Identify important steps to take when reading a map.
		Describe the information that different types of maps can communicate.
		Apply map-reading skills.
Using Charts and Graphs in Social Studies		
		Use basic statistics to communicate information about data.
		Identify important steps to take when reading and using tables, charts, and graphs.
		Analyze tables, charts, and graphs.
Utilizing Sources in Social Studies		
		Describe best practices for researching to find sources.
		Explain how to analyze a source closely.
		Describe ways to use sources effectively in an argument.
Geographic Concepts		
		Examine the Five Themes of Geography
		Identify the Six Essential Elements of Geography
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

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		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
	Weather and the Earth's Atmosphere	
		Describe the characteristics of weather
		Identify common types of precipitation
		Understand how meteorologists measure weather
		Explain how societies prepare for and respond to severe weather
	Earth's Climate Types	
		Explain how the Earth's physical features and patterns influence climates
		Identify the locations of the Earth's major climate types
		Describe the characteristics of major climate types
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	Population	
	Population Distribution	
		Identify sources of data used by geographers
		Understand methods geographers use to measure and represent population density

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		Identify and describe the four stages of demographic transition
		Interpret and compare demographic data and draw conclusions
	Recognizing Population Patterns and Historical Trends	
		Explore historical trends of population distribution
		Examine historical patterns of human migration
		Identify global population distribution and reasons why it is concentrated in some areas and not in others
	Patterns of Fertility and Mortality	
		Define the terms fertility and mortality and understand their meanings in terms of demographics
		Understand the relevance of total fertility rate, mortality rate, and infant mortality rate
		Analyze differences in the fertility and mortality rates of low-income versus high-income countries
	Health Care and Disease	
		Analyze factors contributing to modern health crises
		Define the term endemic as it applies to disease
		Identify common endemic diseases
		Examine the effects of HIV/AIDS on the population of Botswana
	Politics, Policies, and Population	
		Identify economic, social, and environmental factors contributing to government population policies
		Analyze the Swedish government's motivation for promoting population growth
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Migration		
	Movement: Migration	

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		Differentiate between forms of human movement, including migration, cyclic movement, and periodic movement
		Contrast forced and voluntary migrations
		Evaluate reasons for voluntary and domestic migration
		Examine reasons for historical forced migrations
	Immigration: Refugees and Asylees	
		Analyze trends in the international migration of refugees
		Explore examples of migration due to political, economic, social, or environmental reasons
		Identify challenges facing refugees, their destination countries, and humanitarian aid organizations
	Economics of Migration	
		Identify recent patterns of human migration for economic purposes
		Examine the impact of remittances on migrant workers' home nations
		Understand the impact of migrant workers on the economies of their country of employment
		Analyze the socioeconomic consequences of migration
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	Culture	
	Exploring Culture: Concepts of Culture	
		Identify the main components of culture
		Differentiate between types of cultures, including popular culture, subculture, and local culture
		Examine the relationship between the environment and culture
	Exploring Culture: World Religions	
		Identify the five major world religions
		Compare and contrast the beliefs of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

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		Compare and contrast the beliefs of Buddhism and Hinduism
	Exploring Culture: Diffusion of Religion	
		Explore the spread and diffusion of the major world religions
		Examine the ways cultures have appropriated, diffused, and changed religions
		Identify cultural conflicts based on religious differences
	Exploring Culture: Language	
		Identify the world's language families and examine how a language family evolves
		Examine the diffusion of languages
		Understand how language contributes to a region's cultural identity
	Exploring Culture: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	
		Understand the concept of identity and how identities are constructed
		Differentiate between race and ethnicity and explore their roles in defining identity
		Differentiate between gender-based systems of lineage and leadership in societies
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The Environment		
	The Environment: Shaping Cultures	
		Explore the effects of environment on culture
		Identify environmental factors that contribute to settlement patterns, the establishment of settlements, and the formation of culture
		Examine the effects of environmental diseases on specific cultures, and identify efforts to eradicate or control these diseases
	Altering the Environment	
		Examine techniques that humans have used to physically alter the natural environment.

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		Analyze technologies humans have developed to survive and thrive in environments.
	Greening the Globe	
		Identify global and regional environmental concerns
		Analyze the potential effects of climate change on environments and ecosystems
		Explore social and political trends in sustainable environmental planning
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Politics and Boundaries		
	Territory and Boundaries in Geography	
		Examine concepts in political geography and identify ways space is organized into states
		Compare and contrast nations and states as political constructs
		Examine how boundaries are created through physical geography, geometry, and conflict
	Geographer's Perspective: The Influence of Boundaries on Culture	
		Examine how boundaries influence the distribution of goods and services, the ways issues are confronted, and who is represented
		Explore the ways that boundaries influence identity, interaction, and exchange
		Identify issues created by territoriality and boundaries, both natural and artificial
	Geographer's Perspective: Types of Government and Political Systems	
		Differentiate among the types of states, including unitary and federal systems
		Identify and describe key forms of government
	Changing Geography: Creating the Nation-State	
		Identify the major concepts behind the nation-state
		Analyze the development of the nation-state, including factors, challenges, and incentives for

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		creation
		Examine the role of growing nationalism on the nation-state
	Changing Geography: Changing Politics	
		Identify recent changes in political identities from unifications
		Explore the impact that wars, disputed territories, and religion in politics have on global relationships
		Analyze the challenges caused by the creation of new countries
	Modern Global Concerns	
		Identify environmental challenges and possible solutions
		Examine the impact of globalization on world economies and the rise of regional economic blocs
		Analyze the reasons nuclear proliferation is a major global issue affecting relationships between countries
	Unit Test	
Cumulative Exam		
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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Agriculture		
	Agri-Zones: Regions of Production	
		Differentiate between subsistence and commercial farming
		Identify associations between crop growth and climate zones
		Identify ways in which farming has modified or changed the environment
	Agriculture: Products and Consumption	
		Identify links between production areas and consumption areas

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		Examine the relationship between agriculture systems and climatic zones
	Economic Factors of Agricultural Production	
		Sequence the development of modern commercial agriculture
		Analyze how improvements in mechanization, transportation, refrigeration, and other technologies have affected agricultural production
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Industrialization and Economic Development		
	Economic Systems	
		Describe major types of economic markets.
		Compare types of governments and the economic markets that thrive within them.
		Explain the role that economic markets play in citizens' daily lives.
	Economic and Social Development	
		Define "development" and understand its application in the global economy
		Explore methods of measuring development
		Compare theories and models of economic development
		Analyze the geography of economic development
	Global Economic Sectors and Systems	
		Investigate the five economic sectors
		Examine the relationship between comparative advantage and specialization
		Identify the four main economic systems
		Compare the roles of formal and informal sectors in relation to a country's economy
	Barriers to Economic Growth	
		Identify geographic, social, and political characteristics of less developed countries that inhibit

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		economic growth
		Explore strategies implemented by governments and private corporations to overcome barriers to economic development
	Gender and Economic Development	
		Explore the relationship between women and economies in developed nations
		Examine the role of women in the economies of developing nations
		Identify challenges faced by women in the workforce
	Cultural Challenges	
		Describe the effect of modern technology on cultural diffusion.
		Analyze the effects of the spread of Western culture on other cultures.
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The Urban Environment		
	Comparative Urban Environments	
		Compare levels of modern urban development
		Explore the development and growth of modern urban areas
		Compare and contrast influences on the development of diverse urban environments
	Global Cities	
		Examine globalization and the creation of modern global cities
		Analyze the qualities of global cities and their effect on the world community
		Analyze the future of rising and declining global cities
	Transportation and Infrastructure in the Modern Space	
		Analyze how improvements in transportation technology changed the urban environment

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		Identify developments in transportation infrastructure that made cities more accessible
		Compare and contrast the ways in which the east and west coasts of the US developed
	Urban Planning and Design	
		Explore various theories of urban construction and development
		Analyze the relationship between the built environment and the natural environment
		Compare and contrast planned cities to those that developed organically
	Challenges Facing the Modern Urban Space	
		Analyze the effects of growing populations, increased poverty, and limited health care on the urban environment
		Examine environmental hazards facing cities today
	Group Discussions	
		Explain how to prepare for a group discussion.
		Identify strategies for listening and responding to other speakers.
	Unit Test	
Global Geography: Africa and the Middle East		
	Physical Geography of Africa	
		Describe the major physical characteristics, climate regions, and ecosystems of Africa
		Identify the natural events and disasters that occur in Africa
		Give examples of the industries, natural resources, and environmental challenges in Africa
	Cultural Geography of Africa	
		Identify aspects of African cultures and ways European and Asian cultures have become infused
		Explore the importance of Islam to the peoples of North Africa
		Analyze the importance of the arts to the cultures of Central and West Africa

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		Examine major culture groups of East and Southern Africa and discover important aspects of their cultures
	Physical Geography of the Middle East	
		Describe the major physical characteristics, climate regions, and ecosystems of the Middle East
		Identify the natural events and disasters that occur in the Middle East
		Give examples of the industries, natural resources, and environmental challenges in the Middle East
	Cultural Geography of the Middle East	
		Identify significant events and developments in Middle Eastern history
		Examine the role of religion in government and society in the Middle East
		Analyze the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and explain how it influences political relations in the Middle East and around the world
	Unit Test	
Global Geography: Europe, Asia, and Oceania		
	Physical Geography of Europe	
		Compare and contrast the major physical characteristics, climate regions, and ecosystems of Europe
		Identify natural events and disasters in Europe and explain how they affect and change the environment
		Analyze the effects of industrialization in Europe and the environmental challenges it has created
	Cultural Geography of Europe	
		Examine significant events and developments in modern European history
		Identify major European ethnic groups and explore their diverse cultural qualities
		Explain how the European Union has created a new European culture
	Physical Geography of Asia	

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		Identify the major physical characteristics of Asia
		Describe the natural events and disasters that affect Asia
		Identify the major climate regions and ecosystems of Asia
		Give examples of the industries, natural resources, and environmental challenges of Asia
	Cultural Geography of Asia	
		Examine significant events and developments in Asian history.
		Discover elements of cultures throughout Asia
		Compare and contrast cultures in eastern and southern Asia
	Physical Geography of Oceania and Antarctica	
		Identify the major physical characteristics, climate regions, and ecosystems of Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica, and the Pacific Islands
		Investigate the industries, natural resources, and environmental challenges of Oceania
		Examine why the physical geography of Antarctica attracts scientific study
	Cultural Geography of Oceania and Antarctica	
		Examine important aspects of the cultures, governments, and economies of Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands
		Explore aspects of Aboriginal culture and examine the relationship between Aborigines and Australia's majority groups
		Identify the challenges New Zealand has faced in integrating Maori and European cultures
		Examine the effects of culture and resource distribution on trade in the Pacific Island region
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Global Geography: The Americas		
	Physical Geography of Latin America	
		Explore the major physical characteristics, climate regions, and ecosystems of Latin America

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		Identify natural events and disasters that affect Latin America
		Explain which natural resources are important to various industries in Latin America and how they create environmental challenges
		Analyze the challenges facing the Amazon Rainforest and identify ways people can help
	Cultural Geography of Latin America	
		Examine significant events and developments in Latin America's history
		Discover shared and diverse qualities of cultures in Latin America
		Analyze the impact of European colonialism on Latin American ethnicity and religion
	Physical Geography of the US and Canada	
		Identify the major physical characteristics, climate regions, and ecosystems of the United States and Canada
		Describe the types of natural events and natural disasters that affect the United States and Canada
		Explain how natural resources are used to create industries in the United States and the environmental challenges they create
		Analyze similarities and differences among different locations in the United States and Canada
	Cultural Geography of the US and Canada	
		Analyze the old world influences of Europe on modern identities in the US and Canada.
		Examine American culture and identify regional cultural differences.
		Explore Canadian culture and identify European and Aboriginal influences.
	Texas Geographic Features	
		Identify the major landforms in North and South Texas.
		Identify the major landforms in East and West Texas.
		Identify the major water sources in Texas.
		Describe the effects of pollution on Texas water sources.

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		Skills used: analyzing maps, making logical connections
	Cultural Diversity in Texas	
		Determine the effect of the migration of different cultural groups into Texas over time.
		Analyze the impact of migration on the social development of Texas.
		Describe the different contributions to the Texas identity.
		Skills used: analyzing primary sources, categorizing information
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