



Unit Six

Unit Title: Middle East and North Africa

World Geography

Unit Length and Description:

3 weeks

This unit focuses on examining the physical and human geography of the Middle East and North Africa in order to understand its effect on human settlement and economic development.

Standards:

Standard 1: World in Spatial Terms and Uses of Geography

WG.1.1	Describe the impact of technology on the study of geography and gather geographic information using technological tools
WG.1.4	Use geographic representations to locate the world's continents, major landforms, major bodies of water and major countries and to solve geographic problems

Standard 2: Physical Systems

WG.2.2	Identify and locate world climate regions and evaluate the impact of the Earth/Sun relationship, ocean currents, wind currents, and elevation on each climate region
WG.2.4	Explain and give examples of natural and human processes that shape Earth's surface and identify specific locations where these processes occur

Standard 3: Region

WG.3.1	Analyze how cooperation, conflict, and self-interest impact the cultural, political, and economic regions of the world and relations between nations
WG.3.2	Determine the unifying characteristics that regions possess and explain changes that they have experienced over time

Standard 4: Place

WG.4.2	Analyze the distinguishing physical characteristics of a given place to determine their impact on human activities
WG.4.3	Identify and analyze distinguishing human characteristics of a given place to determine their influence on historical events
WG.4.4	Evaluate the impact of historical events on culture and relationships among groups
WG.4.5	Examine the relationship between social, economic, and government systems and describe how each system has changed a given place over time

Standard 5: Human Systems

WG.5.1	Describe and classify reasons for human migration in terms of push or pull factors to determine the changes and similarities in these factors over time
WG.5.2	Use population pyramids, geographic data and maps to analyze the current impact of population growth and to predict future population trends

WG.5.3	Describe and illustrate specific examples of economic interdependence in various regions
WG.5.4	Determine the factors that contribute to a country's standard of living
WG.5.5	Explain how changes in technology have contributed to the spread of ideas and information throughout the world
Standard 6: Environment and Society	
WG.6.1	Describe technological advances that have allowed humans to modify the environment and analyze the impact of these advances on the environment
WG.6.2	Identify challenges posed by the physical environment and evaluate strategies that will allow humans to more effectively deal with these challenges
WG.6.3	Analyze the distribution of resources and describe their impact on human systems (past, present, and future)
WG.6.4	Assess the role of government and business in preserving or consuming natural resources and protecting or destroying the physical environment

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:	Essential Questions- Supporting Question:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do cultures satisfy their spiritual needs differently, based upon different constructions of reality, culture and experiences? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does where people live influence how they live? What are the fundamental core beliefs of each major religion? What are the essential commonalities of all religions? The essential differences? Why has interdependence led to globalization? What are the driving forces and consequences of globalization? How can conflict influence political, social, and economic change?