## Moon Area School District Curriculum Map

Course: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Grade Level:6<sup>th</sup> Content Area: WORLD GEOGRAPHY Frequency: Full-Year Course

## **Big Ideas**

- 1. Geography is the study of how people, places, and ideas change over time.
- 2. Over time, people adapt to their environment.
- 3. The five themes of geography organize information about earth and serve as a framework for studying various countries in our world.
- 4. Countries have relationships with each other,

## **Essential Questions**

- 5. What are features of the earth's geography and how do geographers study them?
- 6. How do the five themes organize information in a given location?
- 7. How does the physical geography of a place affect the way people live?
- 8. How does geography influence the way people live?
- 9. What features of Earth's geography affect climate, and way of life?
- 10. How does where we live affect how we live?
- 11. How do people adapt to their environment?
- 12. How do cultural traits unite ethnic groups within a region?
- 13. How do cultural differences create challenges and/or conflict within a region?
- 14. What makes a culture unique and what can lead to the spread of a culture?
- 15. How do landforms and bodies of water influence a country's economy?
- 16. Why do people make economic choices?
- 17. How do natural resources affect a country's economy?
- 18. How does technology and new ideas change the way people live?
- 19. How do people in different cultures move people, goods and services, and ideas?
- 20. How does transportation impact trade and what a country is able to import or export?

## **Primary Resource(s) & Technology:**

Textbook Series, IXL online software, Microsoft Teams, Promethean Boards, Student Laptops/iPads

Pennsylvania and/or focus standards referenced at:

www.pdesas.org www.education.pa.gov

Big	Focus	Assessed Competencies	Timeline
Ideas/	Standard(s)	(Key content and skills)	
EQs		, ,	
1,2,3, 4,6	7.1.6A 7.1.6B 7.2.6 A 7.3.6 B 7.4.6 A 7.4.6 B	<ul> <li>Geography:</li> <li>Define geography.</li> <li>Identify the five themes of geography (location, place, region, human-environment interaction, movement.)</li> <li>Use the geography theme framework to explain a topic or event.</li> <li>Identify maps and globes as geographer's tools.</li> <li>Differentiate when to use a map and a globe</li> <li>Identify types of maps and their purpose (political, physical, special purpose, etc.)</li> <li>Interpret maps using title, compass rose, key, and scale.</li> <li>Label a world map with seven continents and the four oceans, prime meridian, and</li> </ul>	7 weeks
5,10, 11,15	7.1.6 A 7.2.6 B 7.4.6 A	<ul> <li>equator.</li> <li>Identify Earth's variety of features.</li> <li>Identify landforms and bodies of water in a geographical region.</li> <li>Use the equator and Prime Meridian to identify the four hemisphere quadrants on a world map.</li> <li>Use a pair of geographic coordinates to identify a specific location on a map grid.</li> </ul>	1 week
4,7,8, 9,10, 12,13, 14	7.1.6A 7.1.6B 7.2.6 A 7.3.6 B 7.4.6 B 2.6.6 E	<ul> <li>List and explain factors that affect population distribution around the world.</li> <li>Explain population density and its related aspects (urban/rural correlation to geographic features, quality of life.)</li> <li>Explain reasons for rapid population growth.</li> <li>Interpret graphs to analyze population growth, birth, and death rates, and life expectancy.</li> </ul>	1 week

1,3,6,	7.1.6 A	Canada:	3 weeks
7,8,9	7.2.6 B		
	7.4.6 A	Physical Geography	
		<ul> <li>Identify and label the location and capital</li> </ul>	
		city of a given country within its continent	
		on a world map.	
		<ul> <li>Identify and label major cities within a</li> </ul>	
		country.	
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		water, and other natural features of a region	
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2,4,10,		Human Geography	
11,12,		Explain daily life in a country of study.	
13,14, 15,16,		Analyze population patterns in a country of	
17,18,		study.	
19, 20		• Describe the cultural traditions, beliefs, religions, ethnic groups, languages, cultural	
,		traits in a country of study.	
1,3,6,	7.1.6 A	Europe:	6 weeks
7,8,9	7.2.6 B		
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