Topic:	**1 - Introduction to Geography**
Big Ideas:	Explain how to locate points on Earth's surface. Discuss how to use the five themes of geography. Analyze the best ways to show Earth's surface. Explain how to read maps. Discuss the different kinds of maps. Analyze how people depend on the environment and either harm or protect it. Describe how societies are structured and how cultures change. Compare different economic systems. Learn about how and why trade takes place and why barriers are sometimes placed on trade. Compare different types of government. Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
Unit Essential Questions:	How much does geography affect people's lives?

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Geography Basics ***30 days*** ***(skip lessons 2 & 10)***		Geography Cardinal directions Intermediate directions Absolute location Relative location Latitude Longitude Distortion Scale Weather Climate Deforestation Push factor Pull factor Culture Society Social structure Social class Cultural diffusion Standard of living Economics Opportunity cost Supply Demand Consumer Producer Trade Interdependence	How can we locate points on Earth's surface? How can we use the five themes of geography? What are the best ways to show Earth's surface? How can we understand what maps show? What are the different kinds of maps? How are societies structured? What types of economic systems are there? What types of governments are there?	- Use latitude and longitude to find absolute locations. - Analyze political and physical maps. - Differentiate among control, mixed and market economies. - Compare the different types of government. - Explain how cultural diffusion shapes the culture in societies. - Understand how and why trade takes place and how that make us interdependent. - Understand the types of trade barriers and how they affect trade.	- 5 Themes of Geography Escape Room - Cultural Diffusion cereal activity - Economics Color the Textual Evidence activity - Citizenship Webquest	- Student textbook Edpuzzle - Student study guides - Quizlet - Virtual Escape Room -Online textbook resources (videos, etc)	Autobiography Maps Supply & Demand EdPuzzle Geography Basics Quiz on Lessons 1,3 and 5

		Trade barrier Tariff Quota Embargo Free trade Developed country Developing country Foreign Domestic Gross domestic product Government Constitution Democracy Authoritarian government Monarchy Citizen Naturalization					

Topic:	**3- Middle America**
Big Ideas:	Explore early civilizations of the Olmec, Zapotec, Maya and Aztec Describe how Spanish exploration led to conquest in Middle America. Explain why Mexico and Central America sought independence. Analyze how a shift toward democracy changed the region. Discuss how European colonization and the slave trade shaped the region. Analyze why people live where they live in Mexico and Central America. Discuss why people choose to leave the region. Explain how the region's diverse heritage affects its culture. Compare/contrast the political systems in the region. Analyze the region's economy. Explain why Mexico and Central American countries trade with other countries. Describe the environmental challenges facing the region. Analyze the economic and social challenges faced by the region.
Unit Essential Questions:	What is the culture and daily life like in this region? What is the economy like in this region? What are the political systems like in this region? How does trade affect the economy in this region? What environmental, economic and social challenges are faced in this region?

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Middle America ***22 Days*** ***(+ also completed a 2 day Thanksgivi ng Activity)*** ***(skip lessons 5 & 8)***		Slash & burn agriculture Aqueduct Conquistador Columbian Exchange Mexican Revolution Diaspora Cultural diffusion Remittance Specialization Interdependence Trade Trade barriers Tariff Quota Embargo Command economy Mixed economy Market economy Political map Physical map Latitude Longitude			- Mnemonic Device Video to learn the countries in Central America (mapping activity) - Google Slides Digital Map Challenge activity - Atlas activities for Central America - EdPuzzle "Aztec Civilization" & "Fall of the Aztec Empire" - Hernan Cortes:Hero or Villain research, poster project & paragraph - Storyboard Timeline activity for Lesson 4 - Trade Barriers in Canada Color the Textual Evidence activity - Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote read aloud & discussion - Jeopardy review for Topic 3 - Also completed a Thanksgiving Latitude & Longitude activity	- Student textbook Edpuzzle - Student study guides - Quizlet -Online textbook resources (videos, etc)	- Countries of Central America map quiz -Hernan Cortes: Hero or Villain paragraph - Topic 3 Test