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World Geography: Physical Systems**Understanding Geography**

Explore the six essential elements of geography.

Identify ways that geographers use the six essential elements of geography to interpret our world.

Organizing Our World

Describe the Earth's time zones and the International Date Line.

Explain the concepts of latitude and longitude.

Identify the Equator and the Prime Meridian.

Understand the division of Earth into continents, oceans, and hemispheres.

Getting Familiar with Maps

Compare and contrast commonly used map projections.

Explore the uses for and characteristics of different types of maps.

Identify the purposes of map elements.

Understand what is meant by a map projection.

Earth's Resources: Water

Analyze issues regarding water supply and availability.

Describe the water cycle.

Distinguish between renewable and nonrenewable resources.

Identify bodies of water and water resources found on Earth.

Earth's Resources: Forests and the Land

Describe the use of land and soil as renewable resources.

Examine the value of forests as a renewable resource.

Identify steps people are taking to protect soil and forests for the future.

Earth's Resources: Minerals and Fossil Fuels

Describe the value of minerals as resources.

Explain how fossil fuels are created and how they are used in human society.

Identify examples of nonrenewable resources and locate them on a map.

World Geography: Human Systems**Elements of Culture**

Describe traits and elements of culture.

Examine different types of culture found around the world.

Explain how geographers use culture to define a region.

Cultural Differences

Distinguish between race and ethnicity.

Examine the differences and similarities between major world religions.

Locate and categorize major language groups.

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Migration and Cultural Diffusion

- Explain how push and pull factors influence human migration.
- Identify types of human migration.
- Investigate examples of cultural diffusion.

Human Impact on the Environment

- Describe environmental problems caused by human activities.
- Explain the benefits humans receive from modifying the environment.
- Identify the ways in which human activities have changed the environment.

Resources, Energy, and Sustainability

- 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.
- Identify ways that humans manage and protect resources for the future.

Expository Essay - Water Consumption

- Refine good writing habits developed at earlier stages in core education.
- Use writing as both a tool for learning and a means for communicating about ideas within a discipline or profession.
- Using the Six Traits, evaluate and revise your essay.

World Geography: Africa

Physical Features of the Sahara and the Sahel

- Identify the major rivers and other bodies of water in the Sahara and the Sahel.
- Locate the major landforms in the Sahara and the Sahel regions.

Physical Features of Sub-Saharan Africa

- Identify the major rivers and other bodies of water in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Locate the major landforms in sub-Saharan Africa.

Cultural Characteristics of Northern Africa

- Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in Northern Africa.
- Explore the cultural characteristics of Northern Africa.
- Investigate the role of Islam in the language and culture of 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

- Compare economic systems found in Nigeria and South Africa.
- Describe the major economic activities of Africa.
- Explain how natural resources can lead to conflict.
- Identify and locate natural resources in Africa.

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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.

World Geography: The Middle East**Physical Features of the Arabian Peninsula and Neighbors**

- Determine the location of key deserts in the Middle East.
- Examine features of the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers.
- Identify important bodies of water around the Arabian Peninsula and in its neighboring regions.
- Locate the major landforms of the Arabian Peninsula and its neighboring regions.

Physical Features of the Eastern Mediterranean

- Examine the features of the Dead Sea.
- Identify key bodies of water in and around the Eastern Mediterranean.
- Locate the major landforms of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Cultural Characteristics of the Middle East

- Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in the Middle East.
- Explore the cultural characteristics of the Middle East.
- Investigate the role of Islam in the language and culture of the Middle East.

Natural Resources and Economies of the Middle East

- Compare economic systems found in Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.
- Describe the major economic activities of the Middle East.
- Explain how natural resources have led to conflict.
- Identify and locate natural resources in the Middle East.

Environmental Issues in the Middle East

- Describe ways that the oil industry has affected the environment of the Middle East.
- Identify ways that human populations have interacted with water in the Middle East.
- Summarize major environmental concerns in the growing cities of the Middle East.

Predicting the Future: Resources in the Middle East

- Examine data and maps to analyze the relationship between population distribution and resources in the Middle East.
- Identify problems associated with limited resources in the Middle East.
- Make predictions about the social, economic, and environmental impacts of relying on the process of desalination for the water supply.

World Geography: South and Southeast Asia**Physical Features of South Asia**

- Identify key bodies of water in India and South Asia.
- Locate the major landforms in India and South Asia.
- Understand how the movement of plates caused the formation of the Himalayas.

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Physical Features of Southeast Asia

- Identify key bodies of water in Southeast Asia.
- Locate the major landforms in Southeast Asia.

Cultural Characteristics of South and Southeast 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

- Compare and contrast the economies of India and Singapore.
- Describe major economic activities in South and Southeast Asia.
- Identify and locate natural resources in South and Southeast Asia.

Environmental Issues in South 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.
- Identify ways that human populations have interacted with the land in South Asia and Southeast Asia.

World Geography: Central and East Asia

Physical Features of Central Asia

- Determine the location of key deserts in Central Asia.
- Examine the features of the rivers in Central Asia.
- Identify key bodies of water in Central Asia and in its neighboring regions.
- Locate the major landforms of Central Asia.

Physical Features of East Asia

- Determine the location of key deserts in East Asia.
- Examine the features of the Yangtze and Huang He Rivers.
- Identify important bodies of water in East Asia.
- Locate the major landforms of East Asia.

Cultural Characteristics of Central and East Asia

- Compare and contrast the most commonly practiced religions and philosophies of Central and East Asia.
- Explore the cultural characteristics 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

- Compare economic systems found in China, Japan, and North Korea.
- Describe the major economic activities of Central and East Asia.
- Identify and locate natural resources in Central and East Asia.

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.
- Investigate the causes and effects of pollution in the nations of Central and East Asia today.

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World Geography: Australia and Oceania**Physical Features of Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica**

- Explore the physical geography and history of Antarctica.
- Identify key landforms and bodies of water in Australia and Oceania.
- Locate Australia and Oceania on a map and identify the countries found in these regions.

Cultural Characteristics of Australia and Oceania

- Analyze the factors that affect the standard of living in Australia and Oceania.
- Explore the cultural characteristics of Australia and Oceania.
- Identify European influences on the modern cultures of Australia and New Zealand.

Natural Resources and Economies of Oceania

- Analyze the role of international trade in the economies of the Pacific Islands.
- Examine the development of major economic sectors of Australia and Oceania, and identify geographic factors that influence their locations.
- Identify and locate natural resources in Australia and Oceania.

World Geography: Europe**Physical Features of Europe: Western Europe**

- Determine the locations of key peninsulas in Western Europe.
- Examine key bodies of water in and around Western Europe.
- Locate the major landforms of Western Europe.

Physical Features of Europe: Eastern Europe and Russia

- Examine key bodies of water in and around Eastern Europe and Russia.
- Identify key features in Siberia and Eastern Russia.
- Locate the major landforms of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Russia.

Cultural Characteristics of Europe

- Describe the various languages and cultures of Western Europe.
- Examine factors that affect the standard of living in Europe and Russia.
- Explore the cultural characteristics of Russia.
- Investigate the factors that have influenced cultures and languages in Eastern Europe.

Natural Resources and Economies of Europe

- Compare and contrast the economies of the United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia.
- Describe major economic activities in Europe and Russia.
- Identify and locate natural resources in Europe and Russia.

Environmental Issues in Europe

- Examine the effects of air and water pollution in Europe.
- Identify ways that humans have modified the land and water in Europe.
- Investigate solutions to energy issues in Europe.

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World Geography: Latin America and the Caribbean**Physical Features of Central America**

- Examine the effects of tectonic activity on the geography of Central America.
- Identify major rivers and other bodies of water in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.
- Locate the major landforms of Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Physical Features of South America

- Identify key bodies of water in South America.
- Locate the major landforms of South America.

Cultural Characteristics of Latin America

- Evaluate the effects of European colonization on the cultures of Latin America.
- Examine the factors that affect the standards of living in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Explore the cultural characteristics of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Natural Resources and Economies of Latin America

- Compare the economic systems found in Brazil and Cuba.
- Describe major economic activities in Latin America.
- Identify and locate natural resources in Latin America.

Environmental Issues in Latin America

- Identify ways that human populations have modified the land in Latin America.
- Identify ways that human populations have modified the water in Latin America.
- Summarize the major environmental concerns of Latin America today.

World Geography: The US and Canada**Physical Features 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.
- Locate the major landforms of the United States.

Physical Features of Canada

- Describe the characteristics of important physical features in Canada.
- Explain the effects of the Continental Divide.
- Identify key rivers and other bodies of water in Canada.
- Locate the major landforms of Canada.

Cultural Characteristics of the US and Canada

- Discuss the diffusion of American culture around the world.
- Examine the factors that affect the standard of living in the US and Canada.
- 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.

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Natural Resources and Economies of the US and Canada

Compare the economic systems found in the US and Canada.

Describe steps the US and Canada are taking to overcome challenges with energy resources.

Identify and locate natural resources in the US and Canada.

Investigate major economic sectors of the US and Canada, and identify geographic factors that influence their location.

Environmental Issues in the US and Canada

Examine the effects of logging and mining on the environment in Canada.

Identify ways that humans have modified the environment in the US and Canada.

Investigate the effects of air pollution and water pollution on the environment in the US.

Understand how growing cities have affected the environment in the US and Canada.

World History: Ancient Africa and the Fertile Crescent

Ancient Civilizations: Prehistory

Analyze patterns of early human migration.

Describe the societies and cultures of early humans in the Paleolithic Era.

Explore the effect of the Neolithic Revolution on human societies.

Ancient Civilizations: The Nile Valley

Describe the importance of the Nile River as a water source.

Examine the importance of the Nile in the development of trade between Egypt and its neighbors.

Explain the formation of a civilization in Egypt.

Ancient Civilizations: Egyptian Culture

Describe the structure of ancient Egypt's government and society.

Investigate the importance of religion in early Egyptian culture.

Outline influential cultural achievements of Egyptian civilization.

Historical Research and Study: Tutankhamen

Analyze evidence to uncover changing interpretations of the death of the pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Describe the processes involved in historical study and research.

Identify the role of error in history and the ways new information can change historical interpretations of an event, era, place, person, or group.

Mesopotamia and the Agricultural Revolution

Evaluate the impact of cultural and scientific advances in ancient Mesopotamian civilizations.

Explain the role of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in encouraging settlement in Mesopotamia.

Investigate connections between the geography of Mesopotamia and the development of its peoples' cultures.

Ancient Civilizations: Sumer and Babylon

Evaluate the impact of Hammurabi and the Babylonians on Mesopotamian culture.

Explain how conflicts developed between the Sumerian cities, leading to the fall of Sumer.

Explore the roles of government and religion in early Mesopotamian civilizations.

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Ancient Civilizations: Phoenicia and Israel

Describe the early history of the Hebrews.

Explore the impact of Phoenician trade on the spread of cultural traditions throughout the Mediterranean.

Investigate how Jewish culture has affected other cultures and religions.

World History: Ancient India and China

Ancient Civilizations: Indus River Valley Civilizations

Describe the importance of the Indus River in the development of early Indian settlements.

Examine the results of the Aryan migration to South Asia.

Investigate the evidence for the Aryan migration.

Understand the accomplishments of early civilizations in the Indus River Valley.

History of South Asia: Heritage of Indian Religions

Describe the connections between Hinduism and Indian society.

Explain the foundation of Buddhism and its connections to Hinduism.

Explore the origins of Hinduism in India.

History of South Asia: Early Indian Empires

Analyze the scientific and intellectual contributions of the Gupta Empire.

Describe the arrival of Islam and the rule of the Mughal Empire.

Describe the history of the Mauryan Empire and the spread of Buddhism.

Ancient Civilizations: Chinese River Valleys

Describe the first civilization that developed in the Huang He (Yellow) River valley.

Examine the rise of the Shang dynasty and identify its achievements.

Summarize the Mandate of Heaven and its importance in Chinese dynasties.

Ancient Civilizations: Chinese Dynasties

Describe the rise of the Qin dynasty, and identify its achievements.

Examine the achievements of the Han dynasty.

Trace the development of Confucianism, and explain its importance to the Chinese government.

History of Asia: Central Asia and the Silk Road

Explain the significance of the Silk Road to the growth of civilizations across the Eastern Hemisphere.

Summarize the development of pastoralism and nomadic cultures in Central Asia.

Trace the development of the Silk Road, and identify the trade goods that fueled its growth.

World History: Ancient Greece and Rome

Ancient Civilizations: Classical Greece

Examine the forms of government used in classical Greek city-states.

Explore the culture of classical Greek city-states.

Investigate the Golden Age of Athens and the fall of the Greek city-states.

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Ancient Civilizations: Greek Empires

- Explore the fall of the Greek Empire.
- Investigate the concept of Hellenization and the spread of Greek culture.
- Summarize the growth of Alexander's Greek Empire.

Ancient Civilizations: The Roman Republic

- Explore the government of the Roman Republic.
- Investigate the society and the military of the Roman Republic.
- Summarize the territorial and cultural expansion of the Roman Republic.

Ancient Civilizations: The Roman Empire

- Analyze the reasons for the decline of the Roman Empire.
- Evaluate the legacy of Roman culture.
- Explain the transition from the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire.

History of Europe: Spread of Christianity

- Assess the influence of early Christianity on the Roman Empire.
- Describe the origins of early Christianity and its relationship to Judaism.
- Investigate the spread of Christianity throughout Europe.

Sequencing

- Differentiate between absolute and relative chronology.
- Explore ways eras and periods are used to categorize and understand historical times and events.
- Use sequencing skills to interpret and construct historical timelines.

World History: Ancient Civilizations of the Americas

Ancient Civilizations: The Maya

- Analyze the importance of religion in Maya culture.
- Describe the emergence of early civilizations in Mesoamerica.
- Examine the cultural achievements of the Maya.
- Explore the rise of the Maya empire.

Ancient Civilizations: Early Peoples of North America

- Describe patterns of early human migrations to North America.
- Explore how Paleo-Indians populated North America and adapted to their surroundings.
- Summarize the influence of agriculture on Archaic Indian societies.

Ancient Civilizations: Native American and Inuit Cultures

- Examine certain cultural elements of early North American groups.
- Explore how environments affected early North American people.
- Locate the regions where early North American people lived.