



# Mount Pleasant Central School District

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<b>Geography in the Western Hemisphere</b>	September-December Trimester 1	- The U.S Regions include: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, Northwest and the Far North. -The geographical characteristics throughout the United States and Western Hemisphere are varied.	- Prime Meridian -Equator -Climate	5.4a Physical maps reflect the varied climate zones, landforms, bodies of water, and natural resources of the Western Hemisphere. 5.4b The Western Hemisphere can be divided into regions. Regions are areas that share common, identifiable characteristics such as physical, political, economic, or cultural features. Regions within the Western Hemisphere include: North America (Canada and the United States) Mesoamerica (Mexico and Central America) Caribbean	- Identify a region in the Western Hemisphere by describing a characteristic that places within it have in common, and then compare it to other regions. Understand how regions can be defined as sharing common characteristics in contrast with. -Use location terms and geographic representations such as maps, photographs, satellite images, and models to describe where places in the Western Hemisphere are in relation to each other,	The diverse geography of the Western Hemisphere has influenced human culture and settlement in distinct ways. Human communities in the Western Hemisphere have modified the physical environment.	Project Based Learning: USA Region Road Trip Project  Or  Zombie US Geography Project

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				South America	to describe connections between places, and to evaluate the benefits of particular places for purposeful activities.		
<b>Governments in the Western Hemisphere</b>	January-March Trimester 2	-The United States Government is a Representative Democracy based on founding documents such as The Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. -Governments of Canada (Parliamentary Democracy), Mexico (Federal Republic), & Cuba (Communist Dictatorship)	- Democracy -Parliamentary Democracy -Representative Democracy -Communist Dictatorship	5.6a Government structures, functions, and founding documents vary from place to place in the countries of the Western Hemisphere.  5.6b Legal, political, and historic documents define the values, beliefs, and principles of constitutional democracy.	- Recognize and effectively select different forms of evidence used to make meaning in social studies -Identify different types of political systems and ideologies used at various times and in various locations in the Western Hemisphere, and identify the roles of individuals and key groups in those political and social systems.	Government: The political systems of the Western Hemisphere vary in structure and organization across time and place.	Compare and contrast two different types of governments in Western Hemisphere  Or  Project Based Learning: Create your own Government

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<b>Economics in the Western Hemisphere</b>	April-June Trimester 3	<p>-Economic Systems are systems or plans countries and governments use to distribute resources and trade goods and services.</p> <p>-Types of Economic Systems include: traditional, command, mixed market and free market.</p> <p>-Resources are the tools, people, and materials used to create a product. Types of resources include: human, capital and natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mixed Market Economy</li><li>-Traditional Economy</li><li>-Command Economy</li><li>-Goods &amp; Services</li><li>-Wants &amp; Needs</li><li>-Supply &amp; Demand</li></ul>	<p>5.7a Different types of economic systems have developed across time and place within the Western Hemisphere. These economic systems, including traditional, market, and command, address the three economic questions: what will be produced, how it will be produced, and who will get what is produced?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explain how scarcity necessitates decision making; employ examples from the Western Hemisphere to illustrate the role of scarcity historically and in current events.</li><li>-Show examples of various types of resources (human capital, physical capital, and natural resources) required to provide goods and services.</li></ul>	<p>Economics: The peoples of the Western Hemisphere have developed various ways to meet their needs and wants. Many of the countries of the Western Hemisphere trade with each other, as well as with other countries around the world.</p>	<p>Project Based Learning: Business Model Project</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Caribbean Island Boat Trip</p>

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