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SCHOOLHOUSE

2015 Curriculum Catalog

History and Geography 400

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COURSE OVERVIEW

History and Geography 400 continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course focuses on World Geography, describing the surface of the Earth and its natural features (biomes). It also teaches about cultural distinctives, placing special emphasis on North American geography and culture. Then, expanding on instruction, it presents a survey of Earth and space explorations. These areas of focus target three major content strands: Geography, History, and Social Studies Skills.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- identify significant explorers, such as Prince Henry, Christopher Columbus, and Ferdinand Magellan, noting their accomplishments
- locate and describe different regions of the world, such as climactic and topographical regions
- understand the world in spatial terms (according to hemispheres and maps)
- locate and describe U.S. regions made up of various groups of states, such as New England and the plains states
- identify cultural and geographic differences between various biomes and countries that are covered in the course

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	1.	What is a Desert?	10.	Project: Nomads*
	2.	Life in the Desert	11.	Modern Ways of Life
	3.	Project: Plants and the Desert	12.	Project: Inventions
	4.	Project: Desert Animals	13.	Quiz 3
	5.	Quiz 1	14.	Special Project*
	6.	Northern Hemisphere Deserts	15.	Review Game
	7.	Southern Hemisphere Deserts	16.	Test
	8.	Quiz 2	17.	Alternate Test*
	9.	How Do People Live in the Desert?	18.	Reference

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 4: GRASSLANDS		
		Assignment Titles		
	1.	Grasslands	11.	Quiz 2
	2.	The Ukraine-Part 1	12.	Argentina-Part 1
	3.	The Ukraine-Part 2	13.	Argentina-Part 2
	4.	The Ukraine-Part 3	14.	Argentina-Part 3
	5.	Quiz 1	15.	Quiz 3
	6.	Kenya-Part 1	16.	Special Project*
	7.	Kenya-Part 2	17.	Review Game
	8.	Kenya-Part 3	18.	Test
	9.	Project: Kenyan Safari	19.	Alternate Test*
	10.	Kenya-Part 4	20.	Reference

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 5: TROPICAL RAINFORESTS		
		Assignment Titles		
	1.	Rainforests of the World	11.	History of the Congo
	2.	Plants and Animals of the Rainforest	12.	Report: The Livingstone Story
	3.	People and the Rainforest	13.	People of the Congo Rainforest
	4.	Report: Rainforest Plants and Animals	14.	Quiz 3
	5.	Quiz 1	15.	Special Project*
	6.	The Amazon	16.	Review Game
	7.	History of Amazonia	17.	Test
	8.	Amerindians of the Amazon	18.	Alternate Test*
	9.	Quiz 2	19.	Reference
	10.	The Congo Rainforest		

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 6: THE POLAR REGIONS		
		Assignment Titles		
	1.	The Polar Regions	10.	The Antarctic Polar Region
	2.	Ice and Icebergs	11.	The Last Place on Earth
	3.	Quiz 1	12.	Report: Polar Explorer
	4.	Arctic Polar Region	13.	Quiz 3
	5.	Arctic Plant and Animal Life	14.	Special Project*
	6.	Report: Arctic Animal	15.	Review Game
	7.	Life in the Arctic	16.	Test
	8.	The Arctic Today	17.	Alternate Test*
	9.	Quiz 2	18.	Reference

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 7: MOUNTAIN COUNTRIES	
		Assignment Titles	
	1. Mountain Regions	10. Switzerland of the Alps	
	2. The Andes and Peru	11. Swiss History	
	3. Peru Today	12. Switzerland Today	
	4. Quiz 1	13. Quiz 3	
	5. The Himalayas	14. Special Project*	
	6. Nepal	15. Review Game	
	7. Nepalese History	16. Test	
	8. Nepal Today	17. Alternate Test*	
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HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 8: LIVING IN ISLAND COUNTRIES	
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	1. Islands of the World	11. Japanese History	
	2. Cuba	12. Life in Japan	
	3. Cuban History	13. Japanese Religion and Art	
	4. Life in Cuba	14. Quiz 3	
	5. Quiz 1	15. Special Project*	
	6. Iceland	16. Review Game	
	7. History of Iceland	17. Test	
	8. Icelandic Life	18. Alternate Test*	
	9. Quiz 2	19. Reference	
	10. Japan		

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 9: NORTH AMERICA	
		Assignment Titles	
	1. Geography	10. Mexico	
	2. Peninsulas, Oceans, and Islands	11. Central America	
	3. Climate, Resources, and Culture	12. West Indies	
	4. Quiz 1	13. Quiz 3	
	5. Greenland	14. Special Project*	
	6. Canada	15. Review Game	
	7. United States-Part 1	16. Test	
	8. United States-Part 2	17. Alternate Test*	
	9. Quiz 2	18. Reference	

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 400		UNIT 10: OUR WORLD IN REVIEW	
		Assignment Titles	
	1. Review of Geography	13. Review of Antarctica	
	2. Review of Exploration	14. Quiz 3	
	3. Review of Europe	15. Review of North America	
	4. Quiz 1	16. Review of the United States	
	5. Review of Asia-Part 1	17. Review of the North Polar Region	
	6. Review of Asia-Part 2	18. Quiz 4	
	7. Review of Africa	19. Special Project*	
	8. Quiz 2	20. Review Game	
	9. Review of Australia	21. Test	
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(*) Indicates alternate assignment