



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

2015 Curriculum Catalog

World Geography

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COURSE OVERVIEW

World Geography takes students on a journey around the world in which they will learn about the physical and human geography of various regions. They will study the history of each region and examine the political, economic, and cultural characteristics of the world in which we live. Students will also learn about the tools and technologies of geography such as globes, maps, charts, and global information systems.

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

- Select and use geographic tools to get information and make predictions.
- Compare places based upon their similarities and differences.
- Identify geographic factors that influenced historic events.
- Evaluate the interrelatedness and interdependence of physical and human systems and their impact on our earth.
- Analyze the role played by culture in the spatial organization of the earth.
- Define the key geographic concerns facing the world and strategize methods to deal with these issues in the future.

Students will also gain practice in writing and note-taking. They will be asked to create graphic organizers, conduct research, analyze information, and write essays on topics such as current events, energy resources, national parks, and more.

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY			
Assignment Titles			
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	1.	Course Overview	13. Physical Processes: The Atmosphere and the Hydrosphere
	2.	What Is Geography?	14. Physical Processes: The Lithosphere and the Biosphere
	3.	Project: Note It!*	15. Ecosystems
	4.	Geographic Tools: Globes and Maps	16. Project: Map It!*
	5.	Geographic Tools: Graphs, Charts, and More	17. Quiz 3: Our Earth
	6.	Quiz 1: Introduction to Geography	18. Special Project*
	7.	Geographic Themes: Location and Place	19. Review
	8.	Geographic Themes: Human-Environmental Interaction and Movement	20. Test
	9.	Geographic Themes: Regions	21. Alternate Test*
	10.	Project: Summarize It!	22. Glossary and Credits
	11.	Quiz 2: Geographic Themes	
	12.	Physical Characteristics	

UNIT 2: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY			
Assignment Titles			
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	1.	Where People Live	10. Historical Perspectives
	2.	Settlement and Movement	11. Project: Analyze It!
	3.	Quiz 1: Where We Live	12. Quiz 3: Interactions
	4.	Cultural Mosaics	13. Special Project*
	5.	Economics	14. Review
	6.	Conflict and Cooperation	15. Test
	7.	Quiz 2: Why Do People Live Where They Do?	16. Alternate Test*
	8.	Humans and Their Environment: Part 1	17. Glossary and Credits
	9.	Humans and Their Environment: Part 2	

UNIT 3: NORTH AMERICA		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. North America in Spatial Terms	11. Environment and Society
	2. The United States: The Northeast and the South	12. Historical Perspectives
	3. The United States: The Midwest and the West	13. Project: Analyze It!
	4. Canada and Greenland	14. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	5. Mexico	15. Special Project*
	6. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	16. Review
	7. Settlement and Movement	17. Test
	8. Culture	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Economics and Politics	19. Glossary and Credits
10. Quiz 2: Human Geography		

UNIT 4: CENTRAL AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Central America	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. South America	11. Project: Consider It!
	3. The Caribbean	12. Looking Ahead
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Special Project*
	6. Culture	15. Review
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Test
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Environment and Society	18. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 5: OCEANIA, AUSTRALASIA, AND ANTARCTICA		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Oceania, Australasia, and Antarctica in Spatial Terms	10. Environment and Society
	2. Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia	11. Historical Perspectives
	3. Australia and New Zealand	12. Project: Analyze It!*
	4. Antarctica	13. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	5. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	14. Special Project*
	6. Settlement and Movement	15. Review
	7. Culture	16. Test
	8. Economics and Politics	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Human Geography	18. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 6: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam: Form A*
	2. Exam	4. Alternate Exam: Form B*

UNIT 7: WESTERN EUROPE		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Northern Region	10. Environment and Society
	2. Western Central Region	11. Historical Perspectives
	3. Southern Region	12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Project: Chart It!	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Quiz 2: Human Geography	

UNIT 8: EASTERN EUROPE AND RUSSIA		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Central Region	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. Balkan Region	11. Project: Report It!
	3. Eastern Region	12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society	

UNIT 9: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Sub-Saharan Africa in Spatial Terms	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. West and Central Africa	11. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	3. East and Southern Africa	12. Project: Solve It!
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society	

UNIT 10: NORTH AFRICA AND SOUTHWEST ASIA		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. North Africa	10. Historical Perspectives
	2. Southwest Asia: The Middle East	11. Project: Evaluate It!
	3. Southwest Asia: The Arabian Peninsula	12. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	4. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	13. Special Project*
	5. Settlement and Movement	14. Review
	6. Culture	15. Test
	7. Economics and Politics	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Human Geography	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Environment and Society	

UNIT 11: CENTRAL, SOUTH, EAST, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA		
WORLD GEOGRAPHY	Assignment Titles	
	1. Central Asia	10. Economics and Politics
	2. South Asia	11. Environment: South and Southeast Asia
	3. East Asia	12. Environment: East Asia
	4. Southeast Asia	13. Project: Analyze It!
	5. Quiz 1: Physical Geography	14. Quiz 3: Uses of Geography
	6. Historical Perspectives: South and Southeast Asia	15. Special Project*
	7. Historical Perspectives: East Asia	16. Review
	8. Culture	17. Test
	9. Quiz 2: Human Geography	18. Alternate Test*
		19. Glossary and Credits

WORLD GEOGRAPHY	UNIT 12: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM		
	Assignment Titles		
	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam: Form A*	
	2. Exam	4. Alternate Exam: Form B*	

WORLD GEOGRAPHY	UNIT 13: FINAL EXAM		
	Assignment Titles		
	1. Exam	3. Alternate Exam: Form B*	
	2. Alternate Exam: Form A*		

(*) Indicates alternate assignment