



Unit 1: Introduction to Geography and Location

20
Days

Students will learn mapping skills and vocabulary related to maps/geography. Students will be able to identify the five themes of geography. They will also be able to give examples of how the essential elements of geography have been important in recent news. Students will study the ways in which water, mountains, and other physical features impact climate while also identifying the five major climate zones and subzones.



Unit 2: The Americas

15
Days

Students will learn about the physical features and cultures of the Americas. Starting with the United States and Canada, and then continuing with Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Atlantic South America, and Pacific South America, students will be exposed to the diverse ways of life enjoyed by people in the Americas.



Unit 3: Europe and Russia

10
Days

Students will continue to develop their map/chart reading skills as they investigate the physical and cultural landscape of Europe and Russia. Sub-regions of Southern Europe, West-Central Europe, Northern Europe, Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Caucasus will be explored. Students will investigate how such a wide variety of languages developed on the continent.



Unit 4: Southwest and Central Asia

8
Days

Students will continue to develop their map reading/chart reading skills as they investigate the physical and cultural landscape of the Middle East and Central Asia. Sub-regions of the Eastern Mediterranean, the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq and Iran, and Central Asia will be explored. Students will investigate the physical and cultural features of this region.



Unit 5: Africa

10
Days

Students will investigate the diverse continent of Africa, including the physical features and cultural heritage of the sub-regions of North Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa, and Southern Africa. Topics of investigation will include the climate of Mount Kilimanjaro, the desertification of Western Africa, the preservation of central African forests, and the fall of apartheid.