

Contemporary World Tutorials offer targeted instruction, practice, and review designed to build middle school students' knowledge of contemporary world geography, cultures, civics, and economics. Students engage with the content in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned modules. By constantly honing their ability to analyze the physical, social, and political forces that shape our world, students build the depth of knowledge and higher-order thinking skills required to demonstrate their mastery when put to the test.

In each module, the Learn It and Try It make complex ideas about the modern world accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback. The Review It offers a high-impact summary of key concepts and relates those concepts to students' lives. The Test It assesses students' mastery of the module's concepts, providing granular performance data to students and teachers after each attempt. To help students concentrate on the content most relevant to them, unit-level pretests and posttests can quickly identify where students are strong and where they're still learning.

Contemporary World Tutorials are built to state standards, the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards, and the Common Core State Standards for Literacy in Social Studies.

Unit 1: The Geography of Earth

- **THINKING GEOGRAPHICALLY**
- **WORLD GEOGRAPHY**
- **WORLD CLIMATES AND ENVIRONMENTS**

Unit 2: Governments and Citizenship Around the World

- **WORLD GOVERNMENTS**
- **CITIZENSHIP AROUND THE WORLD**

Unit 3: Culture and Global Connections

- **PEOPLE AND CULTURE**
- **GLOBAL CONNECTIONS**

Unit 4: Global Economics

- **EXAMINING BASIC ECONOMIC CONCEPTS**
- **THE WORLD ECONOMY**
- **ECONOMIC SYSTEMS**

Unit 5: North America

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- THE UNITED STATES
 - CANADA
 - MEXICO

Unit 6: Central and South America

- CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN SOUTH AMERICA
- ATLANTIC SOUTH AMERICA
- PACIFIC SOUTH AMERICA

Unit 7: Europe

- NORTHERN EUROPE
- EASTERN EUROPE
- WESTERN EUROPE
- SOUTHERN EUROPE

Unit 8: Russia and Central Asia

- RUSSIA
- CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCUSES

Unit 9: The Middle East and North Africa

- EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
- SOUTHWEST ASIA
- NORTHERN AFRICA

Unit 10: Sub-Saharan Africa

- WESTERN AFRICA
- EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA
- SOUTHERN AFRICA

Unit 11: India and East Asia

- THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT
- CHINA, MONGOLIA, AND TAIWAN
- JAPAN AND KOREA

Unit 12: Southeast Asia and the Pacific

- SOUTHEAST ASIA
- OCEANIA

Unit 13: Major World Religions 1

- HINDUISM

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- **BUDDHISM**
 - **CONFUCIANISM AND DAOISM**

Unit 14: Major World Religions 2

- **JUDAISM**
- **CHRISTIANITY**
- **ISLAM**

Unit 15: Skills for Social Studies

- **WORKING WITH DATA**
 - **READING HISTORICAL EVIDENCE**
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