Geography and World Cultures Honors is a robust, one-semester course that explores how geographic features, human relationships, political and social structures, economics, science and technology, and the arts have developed and influenced life in countries around the world. Along the way, students are given rigorous instruction on how to read maps, charts, and graphs, and how to create them.

Geography and World Cultures Honors is designed as the first course in the social studies sequence. It develops note-taking skills, teaches analytic writing, and introduces students to the close examination of primary documents.

This course is built to state standards and informed by standards from the National Council for History Education, the National Center for History in the Schools, and the National Council for Social Studies.

Length: One Semester

Unit 1: Introduction to Geography

- Writing about the World
- Spatial Thinking
- The Map Case
- Five Themes
- Introduction to Geography Wrap-Up

Unit 2: Physical Elements

- The Rock Beneath
- Water Flows
- Wind and Weather
- The Fire of Life
- Physical Elements Wrap-Up

Unit 3: Culture

- Demographics
- Politics
- Economics
- Daily Life
- Culture Wrap-Up

Unit 4: North and South America

- The New World
- North America
- Central and South America
- Ocean-Centered Geography
- North and South America Wrap-Up

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Unit 5: Europe and Southwest Asia

- The West End of Asia
- Europe
- Central and Southwest Asia
- Energy
- Europe and Southwest Asia Wrap-Up

Unit 6: East Asia and South Asia

- Ancient Civilizations
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Urbanization
- East Asia and South Asia Wrap-Up

Unit 7: Africa, Antarctica, and Oceania

- Palm Trees and Penguins
- Africa
- Oceania
- Diversity
- Africa, Antarctica, and Oceania Wrap-Up

Unit 8: Review and Exam

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