World Geography is a two-semester course aligned with the 2023 History and Social Science Standards of Learning for Kindergarten - Grade 12 for Grade 8: World Geography. The course builds students' knowledge of contemporary world geography, cultures, civics, and economics through interactive instruction, practice, and review. Students develop analytical and higher-order thinking skills by examining the physical, social, and political forces that shape our world. The course is organized into themed units with three to six lessons each, making complex ideas accessible through focused content, guided analysis, and robust feedback. Each lesson includes direct instruction, skill application, performance tasks, and assessments in a feedback-rich environment where students demonstrate learning through both computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

There are no required materials for this course.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Introduction to Contemporary World

- Thinking Geographically
- World Geography
- World Climates and Environments
- Working with Data
- Reading Historical Evidence
- Wrap-Up: Introduction to Contemporary World

Unit 2: Government and People

- World Governments
- Citizenship Around the World
- People and Culture
- Global Connections
- Wrap-Up: Government and People

Unit 3: Global Economics

- Examining Basic Economic Concepts
- The World Economy
- Economic Systems
- Wrap-Up: Global Economics

Unit 4: The American Continents

- The United States
- Canada
- Mexico
- Central America and Caribbean South America
- Atlantic South America
- Pacific South America

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- Wrap-Up: The American Continents

Unit 5: Abrahamic Religions

- Judaism
- Christianity
- Islam
- Wrap-Up: Abrahamic Religions

Unit 6: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

Unit 7: Europe and Russia

- Northern Europe
- Western Europe
- Southern Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Russia
- Wrap-Up: Europe and Russia

Unit 8: Central Asia and the Middle East

- Central Asia and the Caucasus
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Southwest Asia
- Wrap-Up: Central Asia and the Middle East

Unit 9: Africa

- Northern Africa
- Western Africa
- Eastern and Central Africa
- Southern Africa
- Wrap-Up: Africa

Unit 10: Asia and the Pacific

- The Indian Subcontinent
- China, Mongolia, and Taiwan
- Japan and Korea
- Southeast Asia
- Oceania
- Wrap-Up: Asia and the Pacific

Unit 11: Major Religions in Asia

- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Confucianism and Daoism
- Wrap-Up: Major Religions in Asia

Unit 12: Semester Wrap-Up

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- Semester Wrap-Up

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