World Geography offers a tightly focused and scaffolded curriculum that enables students to explore how geographical features, human relationships, political and social structures, economics, science and technology, and the arts have developed and influenced life in countries around the world. Throughout the course students analyze geographic information such as maps, photographs, and demographic statistics. They also describe and evaluate the influence of globalization. To scaffold their analysis, students are given rigorous instruction on how to read and create maps, charts, and graphs.

To structure knowledge in a manner that allows students to think as geographers, the course is organized around the geographic themes of location, place, religion, migration, and human environment interaction. These themes are addressed through the lenses of physical geography, cultural geography, political geography, and globalization and economics.

Students are supported in applying their new geography skills through a variety of assignments such as Practices, Journals, and Discussions as they examine issues near to home and worldwide.

This course is built to state standards.

Length: Two Semesters

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

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

Unit 5: Semester 1 Review and Exam

Unit 6: Europe and Southwest Asia

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

Unit 7: East Asia and South Asia

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

Unit 8: Africa, Antarctica, and Oceania

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

Unit 9: Applying Geography to Global Issues

- Globalization and the World Economy
- Global Politics and Global Conflicts
- The Globalization of Culture
- Globalization and the Natural Environment
- Applying Geography to Global Issues Wrap-Up

Unit 10: Semester 2 Review and Exam

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