

World Geography B

SCOPE OF COURSE

This second semester of a two-semester course consists of five units that focus on the regions and countries of the Eastern Hemisphere and the role geography has played both historically and in the present.

SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

UNIT 1 – Europe

- Overview of Europe
- Northern and Western Europe
- Mediterranean Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Northern Eurasia
- European Russia and the Caucasus
- The Irish Potato Famine
- European Imperialism
- The Geography of Genocide: Case Study of Yugoslavia
- The Commonwealth of Independent States
- Environmental Disaster at Chernobyl
- European Unity
- Modern Geographic Issues: Pollution

UNIT 2 – Africa

- Northern Africa
- Overview of Sub-Saharan Africa
- West Africa
- East Africa
- Southern Africa
- Egypt: Then and Now
- Medieval West African Civilizations
- Cultural Diffusion: Bantu Migrations and Swahili
- European Imperialism and Independence in Africa
- The Legacy of European Imperialism in Southern Africa
- Civil War in the Congo
- Famine in Somalia
- Modern Geographic Issues: Disease

UNIT 3 – Middle East

- Overview of Southwest Asia and Northern Africa
- History of the Fertile Crescent
- The Rise and Spread of Monotheistic Faiths
- Islam: A Unifying and Dividing Force
- The Arabian Peninsula Today
- The Eastern Mediterranean
- Case Study: Conflict in Israel
- Central Asia
- Turkey
- Modern Iran
- Modern Issues: Conflict in Iraq
- Essential Resources: Oil and OPEC
- Essential Resources: Water

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UNIT 4 – East Asia and the South Pacific

- Overview of East Asia
- China
- China: Three Gorges Dam
- Mongolia and Taiwan
- Japan: Geography and the Development of an Isolated Culture
- Japan: Modern Issues and Innovation
- The Two Koreas
- Overview of Southeast Asia
- Burma/Myanmar, Thailand, and Cambodia
- Laos and Vietnam
- Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines
- Pacific Rim Economies: The Asian Tigers
- Australia and New Zealand

UNIT 5 – South Asia

- Overview of South Asia
- Monsoons Up Close
- Ancient India: The Indus Valley
- India: Invasion and Conquest
- Modern India
- Creation of Pakistan
- Modern Pakistan
- Bangladesh
- Sri Lanka: From Colonialism to Civil War
- Himalayan Mountains: Nepal and Bhutan
- Afghanistan: History of Invasions
- Modern Afghanistan
- Modern Issues for South Asia