

# World Geography

## SCOPE OF COURSE

This is a one semester course of study comprised of five units. It covers geography in all areas of the world, the impact humans have on our environment, methods geographers use, the value of geography, and careers in geography.

## SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

### Unit 1 – Introduction to the Study of Geography

- Five Themes of Geography
- Value of Geography
- Reasons to Study Geography
- Observing the World
- Geographers' Methods
- Physical and Human Characteristics
- Resources and Change
- The Human Dilemma
- Modifying Our Environment
- Fields of Geography
- Careers in Geography

### Unit 2 – Geography Skills

- Global Perspective
- Maps and Globes
- Types of Maps
- Map Skills
- Regions
- Physical Characteristics
- Geographic Forms
- Cultural Characteristics
- Meaning of Culture
- Belief Systems
- Political Systems
- Economic Systems

### Unit 3 – North and South America

- Overview and Topography of the United States
- Climate and Topography of the United States
- People of the United States
- Canada
- Overview of Mexico and Central America
- Mexico
- Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, and El Salvador
- Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama
- Countries in the Caribbean
- Overview of South America
- Venezuela, Columbia, Guyana, Surinam, and French Guiana
- Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile

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### **Unit 4 – Europe, Africa, and the Middle East**

- Overview of Europe
- Northern and Western Europe
- Mediterranean Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Northern Eurasia
- Overview of Southwest Asia and Northern Africa
- Southeast Asia
- Case Study: Conflict in Israel
- Northern Africa
- Overview of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Western Africa
- Eastern Africa
- Southern Africa

### **Unit 5 – Asia and the Pacific Region**

- Overview of South Asia
- India and Sri Lanka
- Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan
- Overview of East Asia
- China and Mongolia
- North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan
- Japan
- Overview of Southeast Asia
- Burma/Myanmar, Thailand, and Cambodia
- Laos and Vietnam
- Malaysia, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines
- Australia and New Zealand