

WORLD GEOGRAPHY 7 PACING GUIDE FOR SPECIFIC REGIONAL STUDIES

QUARTER 1

Units	Standards Addressed	Approx. Time	Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions (EU & EQ)
Intro to Geography and Alaska	<p>National Standards for Geography: Standards #1 - #18 (See National Standards Document)</p> <p>Alaska State Geography Content Standards Addressed: Standards A-F (See Alaska State Geography Standards Document))</p>	3 weeks	<p>1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. (This EU is to be reinforced in EVERY unit.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does geography allow us to explore patterns in Alaska’s regions and Alaska’s cultures? • How do physical conditions, movement, population, culture, and interaction patterns influence Alaskans? • How can we evaluate the impact of global change on Alaskans? • How are ancient traditions and ways of life reflected in the lives of indigenous Alaskan populations? <p>2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns. (This EU is to be reinforced in EVERY unit.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we use the tools of geography to help us understand the earth and its patterns? • Why do we use the tools of geography? • Why are there so many different types of maps, globes, scales, and other forms of geography tools? • What are latitude and longitude and how are they determined and used? • How are latitude and regional climate, vegetation, and land use interrelated? <p>3. Because of its geographic separation and natural resources, Alaska has a unique identity and role within the United States and the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does geographic separation affect Alaska? • How is Alaska unique in the United States and the world?
North America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. • Canada • Mexico • Central America • Caribbean 	See above...	5 weeks	<p>1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions.</p> <p>2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns.</p> <p>3. North America is rich in cultural diversity, a feature that both benefits and challenges its people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are the cultures of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean diverse? • How has cultural diversity benefited and challenged the people of North America? <p>4. North America has widely contrasting natural resources, economies, and political systems .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have the natural resources on the economies of the US and Canada made them developed Nations? • How are trade agreements, such as NAFTA, affecting North America’s economies and politics?

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<p>South America</p>	<p>National Standards for Geography: Standards #1 - #18 (See National Standards Document)</p> <p>Alaska State Geography Content Standards Addressed: Standards A-F (See Alaska State Geography Standards Document))</p>	<p>3 weeks</p>	<p>1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions.</p> <p>2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns.</p> <p>3. South America is powerfully influenced by the legacies of cultural assimilation and colonization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent are the cultures of South America influenced by colonization? • How would the Americas have been different without European contact? <p>4. South America is rich in cultural diversity, a feature that both benefits and challenges its people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are South America’s cultures diverse? • How has cultural diversity benefited and challenged the people of South America? <p>5. The cultures of indigenous populations in South America reflect both ancient traditions and ways of life as well as contemporary lifestyles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are ancient traditions and ways of life reflected in the lives of indigenous South American populations? • How do indigenous populations use traditional knowledge in their daily lives?
<p>Europe ... Eastern and Western</p> <p>*** (Russia can be covered in this unit or the Asia unit or both. The information will be in the Asia unit.)</p>	<p>See above...</p>	<p>3 weeks</p>	<p>1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions.</p> <p>2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns.</p> <p>3. Culture and experience influence people’s perceptions of places and regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is Europe a heterogeneous culture? To what extent do European nations share common cultures, histories, and perceptions? • How do Europeans perceive their geographic region in relationship to the rest of the world? • To what extent does the history of Europe influence its citizens’ perceptions of their relationship to the rest of the globe? <p>4. Force of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of earth’s surface.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do the ideals of peace and economic strength entice people to unite? To what extent can these ideals lead to conflict or tension among regions or countries? • How did the European Union come about?
<p>Ancient Civilization of Mesopotamia</p>	<p>National World History Standards: Era 2- Standard 1 - Mesopotamia</p>	<p>2 weeks</p>	<p>1. Civilizations are comprised of interrelated societies with advanced levels of development collectively characterized by social, political, material, scientific, and artistic progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a civilization? • How do civilizations develop? How do they decline? • To what extent are universal characteristics common to all civilizations? • To what extent do ancient civilizations have enduring legacies that affect us today?

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Middle East	<p>National Standards for Geography: Standards #1 - #18 (See National Standards Document)</p> <p>Alaska State Geography Content Standards Addressed: Standards A-F (See Alaska State Geography Standards Document)</p>	3 weeks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. 2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns. 3. Culture and experience influence people’s perception of place and region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do culture and experience influence people’s perception of place and region? • Why are people’s perceptions about the geography and cultures of the Middle East so varied and so much in flux? • How do cultural stereotypes emerge? Why do they sustain themselves? How can we identify and overcome them? 4. The Middle East reflects the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of earth’s cultural mosaics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is the Middle East a cultural mosaic? How do its diverse elements affect its present and impact its future? • What are the common characteristics of all Middle Eastern regions and countries? What are the unique elements of each region? • How do religion and religious traditions influence the Middle East today? 5. Forces of cooperation and conflict among peoples influence division and control of the earth’s surface and resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do forces of cooperation and conflict among peoples influence the division and control of the earth’s surface and resources? • To what extent do forces of cooperation and conflict related to oil and water in the Middle East influence political, economic, and social conditions there?
Africa	See above...	4 weeks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. 2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns. 3. Because of the geographic characteristics of Africa, food production and resource distribution are hampered, resulting in powerful social, economic, and political consequences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do human actions modify or influence the physical environment? • To what extent does the physical environment influence human actions? • How does the unique physical geography of Africa influence its food production and resource distribution? • How does physical geography within a region impact social, economic, and political conditions? 4. Africa represents a diverse cultural mosaic resulting from its history of colonization, migration, and economic and political development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Africa represent a diverse cultural mosaic? • What is the enduring legacy of colonization and migration within the continent of Africa?

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Oceania; Antarctica	See above...	2 weeks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. 2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns. 3. Although Australia, Oceania, and the Antarctic exist within the same world region, they are strikingly unique and distinct in their physical and cultural geography. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are Australia, Oceania, and the Antarctic unique in their physical and cultural geography? • How do changes in physical geography impact Australia, Oceania, and the Antarctic? 4. The processes and patterns of human settlement had a powerful and enduring impact upon the development of Australia, Oceania, and the Antarctic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do the processes and patterns of human settlement have a powerful and enduring impact upon Australia, Oceania, and the Antarctic? • To what extent can geographically isolated regions remain intact? To what extent do patterns of human settlement make geographic isolation a relative impossibility?
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Asia <i>Northern and Western Asia:</i> Russia and Former Russian Republics; <i>South Asia:</i> India, Pakistan, and surrounding countries; <i>East Asia:</i> China, Japan, and the Koreas; <i>Southeast Asia:</i> Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, etc	National Standards for Geography: Standards #1 - #18 (See National Standards Document) Alaska State Geography Content Standards Addressed: Standards A-F (See Alaska State Geography Standards Document)	7 weeks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The five themes of geography allow us to explore patterns in location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. 2. Geography has a range of helpful tools that can assist us in understanding our earth and its patterns. 3. Economic, political, and social stability within a region are powerfully influenced by the distribution and size of populations and how they access and distribute available human and material resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are economic, political, and social stability within a region influenced by the distribution and size of populations? • How does population density affect the economic, political, and social stability of a region? 4. Global economic interdependence both unites and divides countries of the world. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does global economic interdependence unite and divide countries of the world? • To what extent does Asia influence the global economy? • Why do economic systems succeed or fail? 5. Physical systems such as monsoons, plate tectonics, and other phenomena profoundly affect humans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do physical systems profoundly affect Asians? • To what extent can Asian governments prepare for natural disasters? 6. We can use geography to interpret the present and plan for the future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we use geography to interpret the present and to plan for the future?