



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Overview



World Geography and Cultures
Course #

General Information

Credits: N/A
Weighted: N/A
Prerequisite: N/A

Length: Full Year
Format: Meets Daily
Grade: 6

Course Description

This geography course will give students a firm grasp of the place and terrain that surrounds them; the patterns of human development around the world; and the interactions of peoples, places, and environments. Geographically informed citizens make informed judgments to improve their community, state, country, and world. They understand how all of these realms are interrelated.

Course Objectives:

Essential Questions

- How do geographers think about the world?
- What tools do geographers use to help explain the world?
- How should natural resources be used and preserved?
- How does geography affect where and how people live?
- How do population trends affect a country?
- How do physical processes shape earth's landscape?
- How can we understand the diversity of cultures?
- How do ethnic group differences affect who controls resources and power in a society?
- How does having a valuable natural resource affect a region?
- How are humans affected by the changes they make to the environment?
- How does climate influence human activity?
- What is globalization and how does it affect people and places?
- How does a country's location shape life within its borders?

Enduring Understandings

- Geographic tools explain similarities and differences between regions.
- Location and spatial patterns can be evaluated using geographic tools.
- Knowing where people live provides insight into how they live.
- Identities and lives of people are rooted in particular places and regions.
- Individuals are connected to the rest of the world through the decisions we make on a daily basis.
- People's perception of places and regions are affected by their cultural experiences.
- Physical characteristics of a place require adaptation or migration.
- People are shaped by diverse cultures but have a shared community.

Common Assessments:

1. Geographer's Toolkit (October)
2. Persuasive Essay - Physical geography impact on culture (2nd marking period)
3. Persuasive Essay – Written Language Benchmark Assessment (3rd marking period)
4. Comparing physical, climate and population maps (4th marking period)

Major Units of Study:

- The Geographer's Toolbox
- South America
- Europe and Russia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Southwest Asia / North Africa
- South and East Asia
- Australia, the Pacific Realm, and Antarctica

Materials & Texts

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