

# Unit 1: Geography

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **Social Studies 2**  
Time Period: **September**  
Length: **20 Days**  
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## Unit Summary

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In this unit, students learn that there are a variety of demographic and geographic tools. Students learn about continents and oceans in the world and where they are located. They learn that geography influences the culture, climate and how people live and work. There are many different types of maps and their purposes vary. These maps use symbols and it is important to learn what these symbols stand for in order to correctly read them. Students will explore a variety of maps, use symbols to read them correctly and label the continents and oceans of the world.

## Standards

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SOC.6.1.4.B.1	Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps and determine how the information may be useful.
SOC.6.1.4.B.2	Use physical and political maps to explain how the location and spatial relationship of places in New Jersey, the United States, and other areas, worldwide, have contributed to cultural diffusion and economic interdependence.
SOC.6.1.4.B.3	Explain how and when it is important to use digital geographic tools, political maps, and globes to measure distances and to determine time zones and locations using latitude and longitude.
SOC.6.1.4.B.4	Describe how landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work in different regions of New Jersey and the United States.
SOC.6.1.4.B.5	Describe how human interaction impacts the environment in New Jersey and the United States.
SOC.6.1.4.B.10	Identify major cities in New Jersey, as well as in the United States, and the world, and explain how geographic and demographic tools (e.g., maps, globes, data visualizations) can be used to understand cultural differences.
TECH.8.1.2.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.

## Student Learning Objectives

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Students will learn to...

- identify the continents and oceans of the world.
- discuss the difference between a map and a globe.
- use information in a map to answer questions.
- develop an understanding of the different types of maps.
- know what symbols on a map stand for.

## Essential Questions

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- What is geography and how does it help us understand the world we live in?
- What are the different elements of a map?
- How can we show the continents and oceans of the world?
- How can we use maps?

## Enduring Understandings

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Students understand that...

- There are a variety of maps that show different types of information.
- There are five main themes of geography that include: location, place, human-environmental interaction, movement, and regions.
- There are five oceans and seven continents on the map or globe.