

# (Old Unit) Understanding Geography

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## Unit Summary

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Students will explore the geography of the United States. Students will learn how to use and apply latitude and longitude on a map. They will also read about the questions geographers ask and the tools they use. Students will study locations like Mount St. Helen's and the Grand Canyon.

## 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.

## Student Learning Objectives

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- Students will learn how to use and apply latitude and longitude
- Students will learn the questions that geographers ask
- Students will learn about the geography of the United States
- Students will learn about the eruption of Mount St. Helen's
- Students will learn about the tools geographers use

## Essential Questions

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- How can the world be divided?
- How can you use latitude and longitude?
- How can you describe your location on Earth?
- What questions do geographers ask?
- How did the eruption of Mount St. Helen's affect the surrounding land?

- What tools do geographers use?

## **Enduring Understandings**

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Students will understand that:

- There are many different ways to divide the world.
- Geographers use many tools to understand the world.
- There are many questions that geographers ask.
- Latitude and longitude help describe location.