

Unit #2: The Americas

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State Mandated Topics Addressed in this Unit

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Amistad Law: N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88	Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the contributions of African-Americans to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students

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Learning Objectives

- Analyze how geography influences culture and society.
- Analyze how migration is influenced by geography.
- Determine the impact of the expansion of agricultural production into marginal farmlands and other ineffective agricultural practices on people and the environment.
- Determine the role geography played in gaining access to raw materials and finding new global markets to promote trade.

Essential Skills

- Analyze the distinguishing physical characteristics of a given place to determine their impact on human activities.
- Compare and contrast regions of the world by analyzing the plant and animal life indigenous to the region (ecosystems).
- Describe and classify reasons for human migration in terms of push or pull factors to determine the changes and similarities in these factors over time.
- Determine the physical and human characteristics that comprise the identity of a given place.
- Determine the unifying characteristics that regions possess and explain changes that they have experienced over time.
- Explain and give examples of natural and human processes that shape Earth's surface and identify specific locations where these processes occur.

- Explain how human and physical characteristics facilitate or hinder regional interactions.
- Identify and locate world climate regions and evaluate the impact of the Earth/Sun relationship, ocean currents, wind currents, and elevation on each climate region.
- Use geographic representations to locate the world's continents, major landforms, major bodies of water and major countries and to solve geographic problems.

Standards

SOC.6.1.12.GeoPP.5.a	Explain how the Homestead Act, the availability of land and natural resources, and the development of transcontinental railroads and waterways promoted the growth of a nationwide economy and the movement of populations.
SOC.6.1.12.GeoHE.8.a	Determine the impact of the expansion of agricultural production into marginal farmlands and other ineffective agricultural practices on people and the environment.

Instructional Tasks/Activities

- Artists will label various styles of maps of the region.
- Artists will take notes on the various geographical elements associated with the region.
- Choose one specific region and conduct a mini- research project that includes the following: a. physical characteristics of the region b. map drawn of the region with clearly labeled elements c. impact these physical characteristics have on the region and its people
- Compare and contrast different types of regions within the continent. Identify characteristics of those regions. Use a graphic organizer to illustrate the similarities and differences. Comparisons will be done using the following ways: a. climate b. plant and animal life c. physical and human characteristics d. geographical elements (rivers, lakes, mountains, etc.) e. natural and human processes
- Create a presentation on how human processes shaped the geographical landscape of the region. This presentation will include a before and after map. Artists will explain the impact humans had on the region.
- Examine a series of maps of a particular region and then conduct and share research on the impact changes had on the region.

Assessment Procedure

- Classroom Total Participation Technique
- Classwork
- DBQ
- Documentary Viewing Guide
- Essay
- Exit Ticket/Entrance Ticket/Do Now
- Journal / Student Reflection
- Kahoot
- Other named in lesson

- Peer Review
- Performance
- Problem Correction
- Project
- Quiz
- Rubric
- Teacher Collected Data
- Test
- Worksheet

Recommended Technology Activities

- Appropriate Content Specific Online Resource
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- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Gimkit
- GoGuardian
- Google Classroom
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Google Slides
- Kahoot
- MagicSchool AI
- Other- Specified in Lesson
- Quiziz
- Screencastify

Accommodations & Modifications & Differentiation

Accommodations and Modifications should be used to meet individual needs. Their IEP and 504 plans should be used in addition to the following suggestions.

Gifted and Talented

- Compare & Contrast
- Conferencing

- Debates
- Jigsaw
- Peer Partner Learning
- Problem Solving
- Structured Controversy
- Think, Pair, Share
- Tutorial Groups

Instruction/Materials

- alter format of materials (type/highlight, etc.)
- color code materials
- eliminate answers
- extended time
- extended time
- large print
- modified quiz
- modified test
- Modify Assignments as Needed
- Modify/Repeat/Model directions
- necessary assignments only
- Other (specify in plans)
- other- named in lesson
- provide assistance and cues for transitions
- provide daily assignment list
- read class materials orally
- reduce work load
- shorten assignments
- study guide/outline
- utilize multi-sensory modes to reinforce instruction

Environment

- alter physical room environment
- assign peer tutors/work buddies/note takers
- assign preferential seating
- individualized instruction/small group
- modify student schedule (Describe)
- other- please specify in plans

- provide desktop list/formula

Honors Modifications

Resources

- ABC-CLIO online textbook
- America's National Parks Documentary
- Contemporary Human Geography (Macmillan Learning)
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Living Physical Geography (Macmillan Learning)
- National Geographic website
- primary source documents from the online textbook
- The Internet
- Various maps