

Geography Elective

Text: *Exploring Our World: People Places and Cultures*, Glencoe

Course Description (via outline): Students began with creating a World Map of the continents, oceans, the equator, and prime meridian. They do a project on the continents where they learn the countries and review maps of the continents following the project. They also include landforms on the project. It is a group encyclopedia on a continent and each word must include a map. Each group teaches the class about their continent. Those topics on the elective sheet are covered within the group project about the continent.

The course closes by studying the United States, learning the capitals, their locations, and region. They create map of the U.S. as they learn about the states and landforms.

- ❖ Week 1/2
 - Overview/chp. 1/Geography Skills
 - Thinking like a geographer
 - The Earth in Space

- ❖ Week 3/4
 - Chp. 2, Earth's Physical Geography
 - Forces shaping Earth
 - Climate Regions

- ❖ Week 5/6
 - Chp. 4, Physical Geography of the U.S. and Canada
 - Physical Features/Climate Regions
 - World Map Project: continents, oceans, the equator, prime meridian

- ❖ Week 7/8
 - Chp. 5, History/Cultures of U.S./Canada
 - History/Government
 - Culture/Lifestyles

- ❖ Week 9/10
 - Chp. 7, Physical Geography of Latin America
 - Physical Features/Climate Regions

- ❖ Week 11/12
 - Chp. 10, Physical Geography of Europe
 - History/Government
 - Culture/Lifestyles

- ❖ Week 13/14
 - Unit 6-7 Overview, Geography of Africa
 - Physical Features/Climate Regions
 - History/Government
 - Culture/Lifestyle

- ❖ Week 15/16
 - Unit 8-9 Overview, Geography of Asia
 - Physical Features/Climate Regions
 - History/Government
 - Culture/Lifestyle

- ❖ Week 17/18
 - Unit 10 Overview, Geography of Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica
 - Physical Features/Climate Regions
 - History/Government
 - Culture/Lifestyle

- ❖ Week 19/20 – Course Review & Map of United States Project

Grade Assignments. Final grade is pass/fail
2 semesters