

Ten Reasons Why Every Student Should Study Geography

- ④ To understand basic physical systems that affect everyday life (e.g. earth-sun relationships, water cycles, wind and ocean currents).
- ④ To learn the location of places and the physical and cultural characteristics of those places in order to function more effectively in our increasingly interdependent world.
- ④ To understand the geography of past times and how geography has played important roles in the evolution of people, their ideas, places and environments.
- ④ To develop a mental map of your community, province or territory, country and the world so that you can understand the “where” of places and events.
- ④ To explain how the processes of human and physical systems have arranged and sometimes changed the surface of the Earth.
- ④ To understand the spatial organization of society and see order in what often appears to be random scattering of people and places.
- ④ To recognize spatial distributions at all scales – local and worldwide – in order to understand the complex connectivity of people and places.
- ④ To be able to make sensible judgements about matters involving relationships between the physical environment and society.
- ④ To appreciate Earth as the homeland of humankind and provide insight for wise management decisions about how the planet’s resources should be used.
- ④ To understand global interdependence and to become a better global citizen.



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