

Unit 1: The Big Picture:

The earth is a unique planet capable of supporting a wide variety of life forms. Human beings adapt and alter the environments on earth. In this Unit, we will study the physical aspects of geography to include landforms, climate, and place. We will also learn how human characteristics, such as population settlement patterns and human activities (such as agriculture and industry) describe a place. We will analyze how physical features such as mountains, climate, and bodies of water interact with the people of a region to produce a distinctive culture. And through this culture, customs and traditions are developed that help define who the people are.

Honors World Geography	<u>Current Unit:</u> The Basics of Geography	<u>Next Unit:</u> North American Continent: United States and Canada
Schedule & Homework:		Key Terms and Phrases:
8/3 – Syllabus and Course Expectations	8/4 – Read Ch. 1 Five Themes: Questions	1. Geography
8/4 – Introduction to Honors Geography	8/5 – Read Ch. 1 The Geographers Tools: Questions	2. Absolute Location
8/5 – The Geographers Tools/Notes	8/6 – Read Ch. 2 Internal Forces Shaping the Earth: Questions	3. Relative Location
8/6 – Internal Forces Shaping Earth/Notes	8/10 – Read Ch. 2 External Forces Shaping the Earth: Questions	4. Hemisphere
8/10 – External Forces Shaping Earth/Notes	8/11 – Read Ch. 3 Soils and Vegetation: Questions	5. Equator
8/11 – Soils and Vegetation/Notes	8/12 – Read Ch. 4 The Elements of Culture: Questions	6. Prime Meridian
8/12 – The Elements of Culture/Notes	8/13 – Read Ch.4 Political Geography: Questions	7. Latitude
8/13 – Political Geography/Notes	8/17- Read Ch.4 Economic Geography: Questions	8. Longitude
8/17 – Economic Geography/Notes	8/18 – Complete Unit 1 Organizer & Study	9. The Five Themes of Geography Location, Place, Region, Movement, Human-Environment Interaction
8/18 – Unit 1 Review/ Kahoot Review		10. Formal Region
8/20 – Unit 1 Test: Organizer Due!		11. Functional Region
		12. Globe
		13. Maps: Physical, Political
		14. Cartographer
		15. Global Positioning System (GPS)
		16. Landforms
		17. Topography
		18. Ring of Fire
		19. Erosion
		20. Erosion
		21. Solstice
		22. Tundra
		23. Savanna
		24. Steppe
		25. Culture
		26. Diffusion
		27. Cultural Hearth
		28. Dialect
		29. Religion: monotheistic, polytheistic
		30. Birthrate
		31. Fertility Rate
		32. Population Pyramid
		33. Push-Pull Factors
		34. Natural Resources
		35. Infrastructure
		36. Gross National Product (GNP)
		37. Gross Domestic Product (GNP)

Essential Questions:

1. How do Geographers view the world in terms of location, place and region?
2. How do people relate to the physical world?
3. How does culture affect the development of language and religion in a culture?

Unit 1 Reading Guide: The Basics of Geography

Chapter 1: The Five Themes of Geography

1. What is a region?
2. What are three types of regions?
3. What are the five themes of geography?
4. How is place different from location?
5. Why do geographers study human-environment interaction?

Chapter 1: The Geographers Tools

6. How would a globe show a region different on a map?
7. What are the three basic types of maps?
8. What are some geographers' tools in addition to maps and globes?
9. How does a cartographer decide which type of map is needed?

Chapter 2: Internal Forces Shaping the Earth

10. How does the movement of tectonic plates shape the earth's surface?
11. How do earthquakes cause damage?
12. Why do volcanoes and earthquakes occur along the Ring of Fire?

Chapter 2: External Forces Shaping the Earth

13. How does weathering vary according to climate?
14. What are three types of eroding action by water?
15. In what ways does erosion affect the lives of humans?

Chapter 3: Soils and Vegetation

16. What is unique about vegetation in the desert and tundra regions?
17. What impact have humans had on soil and vegetation?

Chapter 4: The Elements of Culture

18. In what ways is culture diffused?
19. What factors make up culture?
20. What are the major religions of the world?

Chapter 4: Political Geography

21. What components make up an urban area?

Chapter 4: Economic Geography

22. What are the four basic economic systems?
23. What role do natural resources play in the economy of a country?
24. What systems are a part of a country's infrastructure?

