Social Studies

Brunswick School Department Grade 6 Geography

Essential Understandings	 Geographers study how the Earth and its people affect each other. Humans are influenced and influence their environment. The five themes of geography are used to organize geographic information. Regions are areas of Earth's surface, which share unifying characteristics. Regions may be defined by physical or cultural characteristics. Geographers use latitude and longitude to tell the absolute location of a place and what it is near or relative to.
	 Areas can be represented using a variety of scales. Compass rose identifies map orientation.
	 A map is a visual representation of geographic information.
	How do the Earth and its people affect each other?
	How are humans influenced by their environment?
	How do humans influence their environment?
	How do the five themes of geography help us understand the
Essential	world? Where do most of the world's people live?
Questions	Where do most of the world's people live?How is the world's population changing?
Questions	 What challenges are created by the world's growing population?
	 What are some uses of latitude and longitude?
	 Why are different scales necessary for developing map
	representations?
	Why is a compass rose necessary on a map?
	How does geography affect where people settle?
	What are ways that maps show information?
	What are the major types of thematic maps?
	 The five themes of geography are: Place, Location, Region,
	Movement, Human Environment Interaction.
Essential	 Some parts of a map include: key, legend, compass, index, scale,
Knowledge	mileage chart.
	 People tend to settle in regions where the climate, landforms, vegetation, water supply and other geographic features provide a comfortable environment.

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Vocabulary	 Terms: geography, latitude, longitude, absolute location, relative location, bay, delta, glacier, hill, island, lake, isthmus, mesa, mountain, peninsula, plain, plateau, river mouth, river source, strait, tributary, volcano, geyser, valley, waterfall, gulf, sea, desert, archipelago, cape, canal, equator, prime meridian, cardinal directions, climate, compass rose, culture, population density, population distribution, literacy rate, infant mortality, life expectancy, gross domestic product, per capita, degree, distortion, projection, globe, hemisphere, key, legend, landform, parallel, scale, mileage chart, contour lines, topographic, international date line, continent, index, physical map, political map, urban, rural, migration, region, concentrated settlement
Essential Skills	 Identify the five themes of geography and relate each theme to real world examples. Use latitude and longitude to locate places on a map. Use a variety of research skills to locate geographic data. Use maps to collect and compile geographic information. Describe factors that cause large populations in some parts of the world and limits populations in other parts of the world. Interpret information obtained from maps, graphs, diagrams, tables, and charts. Prepare various forms of maps as a means of organizing geographic information. Prepare various forms of graphs, diagrams, tables, and charts to organize and display geographic information.
Related Maine Learning Results	Social Studies Geography A. Skills and Tools 1. Visualize the globe and construct maps of the world and its subregions to identify patterns of human settlement, major physical features, and political divisions. 2. Develop maps, globes, charts, models, and databases to analyze geographical patterns on the earth. B. Human Interaction with Environments 2. Explain patterns of migration throughout the world.

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		Complete a geography terms poster or booklet. Complete weekly geography homework assignments.
		Map Skills Lessons:
		Crack The Code
		o How Far Is It?
		What Is Latitude?
		o What Is Longitude?
		Australia Political Maps
		Nevada Road Map
Sample		Arizona Map Key Page
Lessons		Direction Maze
And		Population Lessons:
Activities		Religions of The World
		The Next Billion
		 Population Pyramids
		 The World In Our Room
		 Mapping Population Changes In The U.S.
	•	Geography Lessons:
		Using Maps
		 U.S. Migration Patterns
		 U.S. Population Trends
		 Locating A Settlement
	•	Human Settlement
Sample	-	World Urban Settlement Patterns Assessment (Local Assessment
Classroom		Development Assessment (LAD) adaptation)
Assessment	•	Complete the "Imaginary Island Project".
Methods	-	Complete a map skills test.
	-	Publications:
		 If The World Were A Village – David Smith
Sample	•	<u>Videos</u> :
Resources		 Themes of Geography video (National Geographic)
		 How to Read a Map
		 Lost at Sea; the Search for Longitude (Nova)
		 Geography Tutor (the 5 themes of geography)
		Using Maps and Globes
Technology	-	http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum
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