Social Studies Global Geography: Academic Unit 7: South Asia

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Essential Understandings	 Political, physical, economic, social, historic, and environmental factors contributed to the development of this region.
Essential Questions	 What challenges face this region? How do various cultural groups interact? What is the historic background of this region? How does water affect the way of life for people?
Essential Knowledge	 Challenges that face this region include : Farming/food for an arid land with an increasing population Economic and environmental developments Political and physical features shape the region. History of a region shapes it characteristics. Cultural and religious characteristics shape the region.
Vocabulary	 <u>Terms</u>: Mahabharata, Vedas, subcontinent, Sanskrit, Jains, Sikhs, Dharma, karma, reincarnation, sepoy, caste
Essential Skills	 Use a timeline to show patterns that developed in this region. Identify defining events in the history of this region. Draw place and/or feature locations. Identify names, locations, and characteristics of political and physical features. Explain historical and cultural changes. Show how resources and economics are related.
Related Maine Learning Results	 <u>Social Studies</u> D. Geography D1.Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns Students understand the geography of the United States and various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future. b. Describe the major regions of the Earth and their major physical, environmental, and cultural features using a variety of geographic tools.
Sample Lessons And Activities	 Essay: What is micro credit and how does it create opportunities in such poor countries?
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	 Essay and discussion
Sample Resources	 <u>Publications:</u> <u>World Geography Today</u> – Holt, Rinehart, 2003

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