

7th Grade Social Studies

Unit 1 - The Geographer's World (approx. 10 days)

Chapter 1

Unit Description: *We will learn about the five themes of geography (location, place, region, human-environment interaction, movement).*

Learning Targets:

- 1- Students will identify the five themes of geography (level 1). ...and describe specific examples of each theme (level 2). 8.5.1
- 2- Students will identify/define important geographic terms (i.e., latitude, longitude, prime meridian, Equator, climate, etc.). 8.5.1
- 3- Students will identify different map features and explain their significance. 8.5.1
- 4- Students will understand how geographers use geospatial technologies. 8.5.4

Common Reading: All About Maps (Reading Essentials McGraw Hill pg. 7)

- Pre-reading: Why do we use maps? What are some of the different maps that you have used?
- Active Reading:
 - ◆ Mark the text. Number the paragraphs
 - ◆ Read the text once.
 - ◆ Circle the bolded words.
 - ◆ Underline the definition for each or the bolded words.
- Extension Activity: Draw a map of your neighborhood. Make sure your map has a title, key, compass rose, and explain the difficulty of drawing your map to scale.
- Writing: Write 1 paragraph summary for this reading.

Common Unit Assessment:

Unit II - Physical and Human Geography (approx. 25 days)

Chapters 2 and 3

Unit III - The United States East of the Mississippi River (approx. 25 days)

Chapter 4

Unit IV - The United States West of the Mississippi River (approx. 25 days)

Chapter 5

Unit V - Canada (approx. 15 days)

Chapters 6

Unit VI - Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean Islands (approx. 20 days)

Chapter 7

Unit VII - Brazil (approx. 15 days)

Chapter 8

Unit VIII - The Tropical North Andes and Midlatitude Countries

Chapters 9, 10

Unit IX - Europe