

SEVENTH GRADE WORLD GEOGRAPHY



Textbook- Geography Alive! Regions and People

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Included is a general outline of the 7th Grade curriculum. Each listed world region includes a Mapping Lab component, a brief discussion of the region's modern culture and history, and a much deeper study of some significant regional issues or problems.

Review of Basic Geography Skills

U.S. and Canada Mapping Lab

- Consumption Patterns in the United States

- How do American consumption patterns affect people and the planet?

Migration to the United States: The Impact on People and Places

- How does migration affect the lives of people and the character of places?

Latin America Mapping Lab

- Spatial Inequality in Mexico City

- Why does spatial inequality (unequal distribution of wealth) exist in urban areas?

- Land Use in the Amazon Rainforest

- How should the resources of rainforest be used and preserved?

Europe Mapping Lab

Supranational Cooperation in the European Union

- What forces work for and against supranational cooperation among nations?

Invisible Borders: Transboundary Pollution in Europe

- How can one country's pollution become another country's problem?

New Nation States from the Old Soviet Empire: Will They Succeed?

- What factors contribute to the success or failure of new nation states?

Africa Mapping Lab

Micro-entrepreneurs Women's Role in Development of Africa

- How are women micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries changing their communities?

Nigeria: A country of Many Cultures

- How can dividing a diverse country into many regions make it easier to understand?

Resources and Power in Post Apartheid South Africa

- How might ethnic group differences affect who controls resources and power in a society?

Southwest and Central Asia Mapping Lab

Oil in Southwest Asia How Black Gold has Shaped a Region

- How might having a valuable resource affect a region?

Monsoon Asia Mapping Lab

Waiting for the Rains: The Effects of Monsoons in South Asia

- How does climate influence human activity in a region?

Tech Workers and Time Zones: India's Comparative Advantage

- What factors give some countries a comparative in the global IT revolution?

China- The World's Most Populous County

- How does a country meet the challenges created by a large and growing population?

Population Density in Japan

- How does population density affect the way people live?

The Global Sneaker: From Asia to Everywhere

- What is globalization and how does it affect people and places?

NOTEBOOKS: Each student will maintain a Social Studies Notebook. The notebooks will contain handouts, classroom notes, and graded class and homework assignments. They will generally stay in the classroom, but students may take them home if and when they have a need. We will, from time to time, empty the notebooks, and create packets. Students should save these packets, should they want to use them to review for semester tests. Students will also use an "Interactive Student Notebook" that corresponds to the chapters studied.

GRADED WORK: The only place to turn in class work and homework is in the class hours' top filing trays in my classroom. This includes all late work and make-up work. Day-to-day course work will generally include reading assignments, guided reading activities, end of chapter review questions, timeline assignments, map work, and in-class group assignments.

ABSENCES- Students are responsible to make up work for absences that last from 1 to 5 days, with the exception of certain experiential assignments (which would be excused). If a student is absent for longer than five consecutive days, Ms. McGinn will work with him or her to make a plan regarding what is possible to make up and what might have to be excused. Students have written down the names and phone numbers of four classmates they can call to find out what work was missed. We will save extra copies of handouts, so that returning students can pick them up. PowerSchool is a useful tool to get information regarding assignments. My website can be found at msmcginn.weebly.com. Anything written in blue can be clicked on to get more detailed information. The buddy/classmate system combined with PowerSchool and my webpages seems to work well for those students who are at home, yet feeling strong enough to read and/or do some work on assignment.