

World Geography Teaching and Learning Framework*						
	Unit 1: Physical Geography	Unit 2: Cultural Geography	Unit 3: Political Geography	Unit 4: Population Geography	Unit 5: Environmental Geography	Unit 6: Economic Geography
	(3 weeks block; 6 weeks traditional)	(3 weeks block; 6 weeks traditional)	(3 weeks block; 6 weeks traditional)	(3 weeks block; 6 weeks traditional)	(3 weeks block; 6 weeks traditional)	(3 weeks block; 6 wees traditional)
GSE	SSWG1 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h	SSWG2 a, b, c, d, e	SSWG3 a, b, c, d	SSWG4 a, b, c, d SSWG1 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h	SSWG5 a, b, c, d, e	SSWG6 a, b, c, d, e SSWG1 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h
Key Skills & Concepts	<p>Explain why physical characteristics of place such as landforms, bodies of water, climate, and natural resources act as contributing factors to world settlement patterns.</p> <p>Identify and Describe climates and locations of major physical features of: North America; Central & South America; Europe; Africa; Central & Southwest Asia; South Asia, Southeastern Asia, & Eastern Asia; and Oceania.</p> <p>Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns.</p> <p>Describe the spatial distribution of natural resources...</p> <p>Predict how distribution of natural resources continues to impact global settlement patterns.</p>	<p>Evaluate how the physical and human characteristics of places and regions are connected to human identities and cultures.</p> <p>Examine how ethnic compositions of various groups has led to diversified cultural landscapes...</p> <p>Examine how language can be central to identity and a unifying or a divisive force...</p> <p>Examine the effects of universalizing and ethnic religions on local populations...</p> <p>Examine the impact of cultural beliefs on gender roles and perceptions of race and ethnicity as they vary from one region to another...</p> <p>Explain the processes of culture diffusion and convergence through the effects of various media norms, transnational corporations, and technological advancements in transportation infrastructure...</p>	<p>Evaluate how cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of the earth's surface.</p> <p>Explain why political boundaries are created and why they change...</p> <p>Explain how geography (size, shape, and relative location) can be an advantage or disadvantage to participation in global exchange ...</p> <p>Explain the causes of external and internal conflicts among cultural groups...</p> <p>Explain how political, economic, and social networks and organizations of global power influence places, countries, and regions...</p>	<p>Assess the characteristics, spatial distribution, and migration of human populations on the earth's surface.</p> <p>Assess demographic patterns of population using graphs, maps, and other models...</p> <p>Analyze population issues in reference to pro and anti-natal policies of different countries and their effects on population characteristics...</p> <p>Explain how push and pull factors contribute to human migration patterns and evaluate the impact of migration on the use of resources and provision of services...</p> <p>Compare the response of different groups and governments to migration...</p> <p>Explain why physical characteristics of place such as landforms, bodies of water, climate, and natural resources act as contributing factors to world settlement patterns.</p>	<p>Analyze human interactions with the world's environments.</p> <p>Describe how and why agricultural techniques and technology have changed over time...</p> <p>Analyze the impact of water insecurity around the world...</p> <p>Analyze the economic, political and environmental impacts associated with industrialization and natural resource management around the world...</p> <p>Analyze international and varied local governmental responses to natural disasters in countries around the world...</p> <p>Evaluate how global trade systems impact environmental sustainability in both importing and exporting countries...</p>	<p>Examine the spatial distribution of major economic systems and analyze the role geography plays in economic development.</p> <p>Compare the levels of economic development of countries in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita and key demographic and social indicators...</p> <p>Explain the relationship between levels of development and economic activity in terms of primary, secondary, and tertiary activities...</p> <p>Describe the factors that influence the location and spatial distribution of economic activities...</p> <p>Describe and explain causes and consequences of the worldwide trend towards urbanization in terms of development...</p> <p>Analyze the impact of trade across international borders and its impact on government relationships among countries...</p> <p>Explain why physical characteristics of place such as landforms, bodies of water, climate, and natural resources act as contributing factors to world settlement patterns.</p>