

**World Geography Teaching and Learning Framework**

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