

**Grade 7 Social Studies (Master)**

<b>Essential Questions</b>		<b>Content</b>	<b>Skills</b>
<b>Fall</b>	What is geography and how can its tools be used to consider relationships between people and places?	<p><b>A. Physical Geography</b></p> <p><b>B. Cultural Geography</b></p> <p><b>C. Map and Globe Skills</b></p>	<p><b>A. Explain</b> how physical geography affects cultural geography</p> <p><b>B. Locate</b> places on Earth using latitude and longitude</p> <p><b>C. Recognize</b> types of maps and map projections</p>
	What are the five themes of geography and how can they be used to show the relationship between people and places?	<p><b>A. 5 Themes of Geography</b>                      Location                      Place                      Human/Environment Interaction                      Movement                      Region</p>	<p><b>A. Define</b> and <b>apply</b> the themes to specific countries</p> <p><b>A. Identify</b> themes</p>
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	What are cultural universals and what do all cultures have in common and what makes them different?	<p><b>A. Culture Universals</b>                      Social groups                      Economic &amp; political systems                      Cultural Change</p>	<p><b>A. Compare</b> and <b>contrast</b> different representative cultures in the world</p> <p><b>A. Recognize</b> the interplay between culture, economy, and population as they affect a country's position on the Human Development Index</p> <p><b>A. Use</b> culture universals to identify and draw conclusions for different countries</p>
<b>Winter</b>	<p>How are people culturally and historically connected to the world?</p> <p>What are the major economic, political, and physical features of Europe?</p>	<p><b>A. Europe</b>                      Physical Geography                      Historical background of Europe                      Cultural geography and influences</p>	<p><b>A. Use</b> research skills for independent study</p> <p><b>A. Investigate</b> the many cultural groups of Europe</p> <p><b>A. Apply</b> the physical, cultural, and historical information to specific European countries</p>
	How has geography influenced the way people live in Australia and Oceania ?	<p><b>A. Australia and Oceania</b>                      Economics                      Political Systems                      Culture</p>	<p><b>A. Investigate</b> the many cultural groups of this region and their ways of living</p>

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<p>What is the physical and cultural geography of Asia?</p> <p>What are current political, economic, and cultural issues facing Asia today?</p>	<p><b>A. Asia</b>            History of the people and culture            World Religions            Economic and political systems            Physical Geography</p>	<p><b>A. Analyze</b> how the physical geography affects where people live</p> <p><b>A. Appreciate</b> the achievements of Asian civilizations</p> <p><b>A. Compare</b> the different economic and political systems of Asian countries</p> <p><b>A. Research</b> and <b>interpret</b> the different world religions and their affect on different cultures</p>
<p>What factors have affected cultures in Latin America?</p> <p>How has geography influenced the way in which Latin Americans live?</p> <p>What are the historical events which have had an impact on Latin American cultures?"</p>	<p><b>A. Latin America</b>            Physical and historical geography            Indigenous civilizations            European Conquest/Independence            Foreign Affairs</p>	<p><b>A. Identify</b> Latin America's geographic regions and features</p> <p><b>A. Analyze</b> historical events and prominent and influential people</p> <p><b>A. Describe</b> how the physical features of Latin America affect peoples' lives</p> <p><b>A. Imagine</b> life of the Latin America people before, during, and after colonization</p>
<p><b>Spring</b></p> <p>What is the physical and cultural geography of Africa ?</p> <p>What factors have shaped Africa's culture?</p> <p>What connections do African nations have with the United States and the world?</p> <p>What role does this continent play in humanitarian and social issues in today's world?</p>	<p><b>A. Africa</b>            Historical geography            European Conquest/Independence            Challenges and current issues            Cultural Geography</p>	<p><b>A. Discuss</b> the physical geography of Africa and its relationship with economic, social, and political systems</p> <p><b>A. Interpret</b> the effects of colonization and independence in Africa today</p> <p><b>A. Summarize</b> the current economic, social, and environmental issues</p> <p><b>A. Identify</b> major African leaders and their influences</p> <p><b>A. Investigate</b> traditions and cultures</p>
<p>Why was the United Nations created?</p> <p>How is the United Nations structured?</p> <p>How does the United Nations solve world problems?</p> <p>How do countries interact with one another</p>	<p><b>A. United Nations/League of Nations</b>            Organization            Members</p> <p><b>B. World Affairs Conference</b> country exploration and research</p>	<p><b>A. Examine</b> the history and organization of the United Nations</p> <p><b>A. Discover</b> the process of solving transnational and international issues</p> <p><b>B. Gather</b> and <b>interpret</b> information related to a specific country</p>

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	to solve issues?		B. <b>Predict</b> advantages and disadvantages in implementing solutions in regard to transnational/international situations
	How do different cultures develop different perspectives on the world and its problems?	A. <b>Transnational</b> and <b>international issues</b> facing the world today	A. <b>Judge</b> and <b>debate</b> proposals  A. <b>Rationalize</b> plausible solutions for proposed issues/concerns