



Southmoreland School District

7th Grade World Geography Curriculum

World Geography Overview:

In this course, students will use maps to locate places and explain relationships between people and their environments. Students will describe how Earth's processes affect humans and how humans impact the Earth. Students will also describe various cultures based on human settlement patterns. Students will explain how globalization connects the world's people.

Module Titles:

Module 1: The World in Spatial Terms

Module 2: Places and Regions

Module 3: Physical Systems

Module 4: Human Systems

Module 5: Environment and Society

Module 6: The Uses of Geography

Module Overviews:

Module 1:

The World in Spatial Terms - Students will locate places and explain spatial relationships among people, places, and environments using maps. Spatial refers to Earth's features in terms of their locations, their shapes, and their relationships to one another.

Module 2:

Places and Regions - Students will identify places and regions using combinations of physical and human features. Physical features include landforms, bodies of water, climates, and natural resources. Human features include language, religion, history, and government.

Module 3:

Physical Systems - Students will describe how physical processes, such as plate tectonics, natural disasters, and water/wind currents shape Earth's surface and change ecosystems.

Module 4:

Human Systems - Students will explain how human systems (cultures) shape societies. Human systems include how groups of people govern themselves and how they make and trade products and ideas.

Module 5:

Environment and Society - Students will analyze how the environment of a place helps shape people's lives. Students will examine how people affect the environment in positive and negative ways.



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Module 6:

The Uses of Geography - Students will learn to use geographic tools and technologies which help people make good decisions about the world and prepare people for rewarding careers.