

Link Community Charter School
5th Grade Geography

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Week 1	Tools of Geography and Demography/ Physical Geography/	Social Studies Skills Table: Spatial Thinking	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How do different types of maps show a variety of information?</p> <p>How can maps be used to answer geographic questions infer relationships and analyze change?</p> <p>How do geographers use the problem solving approach to utilize a variety of sources to conduct research?</p> <p>What factors influence the size and distribution of human settlements?</p> <p>What processes lead to changes in settlement patterns?</p> <p>What factors influence the world's population growth?</p> <p>What are the basic features of the earth's continents and regions?</p> <p>How does physical geography impact people?</p>	<p>Different types of maps show a variety of information.</p> <p>Maps can answer geographic questions and help us analyze change.</p> <p>Many factors influence the size and distribution of settlements.</p> <p>Physical geography has an impact on people.</p> <p>Understand how people, places, and environments are connected and interdependent.</p>	<p>Use thematic maps and other geographic representations to obtain, describe, and compare spatial patterns and information about people, places, regions, and environments.</p> <p>Construct various forms of geographic representations to show the spatial patterns of physical and human phenomena.</p> <p>Select and use various geographic representations to compare information about people, places, regions, and environments.</p> <p>Use maps and other documents to explain the historical migration of people, expansion and disintegration of empires, and growth of economic and political systems.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 2	Culture and Change/ Political Geography, Governments, Nations, Borders, Boundaries/ Economic Development, Activities, and Globalization	Social Studies Skills Table: Spatial Thinking	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>What beliefs and traditions are held by the world's religions?</p> <p>What reasons cause people to migrate?</p> <p>How does the spatial diffusion of ideas, products and traits lead to change, including cultural divergence and convergence?</p> <p>What are the main causes of change?</p> <p>What is the difference between ethnicity and race?</p> <p>How do countries relate to one another?</p> <p>How are government decisions and international issues shaped by different points of view?</p> <p>What are the characteristics and functions of governments?</p> <p>What factors influence where economic activities are located?</p> <p>How is globalization transforming the world?</p> <p>How is the level of economic development measured?</p>	<p>There are many reasons that people migrate.</p> <p>Physical geography has impacted the spread of religions.</p> <p>Geographic location and other factors impact the ways in which countries interact with one another.</p> <p>The student understands the types, patterns, and processes of settlement.</p> <p>The student understands the spatial characteristics of a variety of global political units.</p> <p>The student understands the distribution, patterns, and characteristics of different cultures.</p> <p>The student understands the processes that influence political divisions, relationships, and policies.</p>	<p>Use thematic maps and other geographic representations to obtain, describe, and compare spatial patterns and information about people, places, regions, and environments.</p> <p>Construct various forms of geographic representations to show the spatial patterns of physical and human phenomena.</p> <p>Select and use various geographic representations to compare information about people, places, regions, and environments.</p> <p>Use maps and other documents to explain the historical migration of people, expansion and disintegration of empires, and growth of economic and political systems.</p> <p>Explain the processes that have caused changes in settlement patterns, including urbanization, transportation, access to and availability of resources, and economic activities.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 3-4	United States and Canada/ Nation of Migrants	6.1.8.B.2.a 6.1.8.B.2.b 6.1.8.B.3.c 6.1.8.B.3.a 6.1.8.B.1.b	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>What are historical migration patterns to and within North America?</p> <p>What creates the climate regions in North America and how do they effect population distribution and their regional economy?</p> <p>What settlement patterns exist within major North American cities?</p> <p>How did different regions of North America develop distinct cultural characteristics?</p> <p>How does geography influence location and connection of economic activities and transportation throughout North America?</p> <p>How do voting patterns affect political power and the development of public policies within North American political systems?</p> <p>How do new information technologies impact quality of life?</p>	<p>Indigenous societies in the Western Hemisphere migrated and changed in response to the physical environment and due to their interactions with Europeans.</p> <p>Geography and the environment impacted the outcome of the Revolutionary War.</p> <p>The student understands how geography and processes of spatial exchange (diffusion) influenced events in the past and helped to shape the present.</p> <p>The student understands the patterns and characteristics of major landforms, climates, and ecosystems of Earth and the interrelated processes that produce them.</p>	<p>Determine factors that impacted emigration, settlement patterns, and regional identities of the colonies.</p> <p>Compare and contrast how the search for natural resources resulted in conflict and cooperation among European colonists and Native American groups in the New World.</p> <p>Use maps and other geographic tools to evaluate the impact of geography on the execution and outcome of the American Revolutionary War.</p> <p>Assess how conflicts and alliances among European countries and Native American groups impacted the expansion of the American colonies.</p> <p>Analyze the world in spatial terms, using historical maps to determine what led to the exploration of new water and land routes.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 5-6	Latin America/Central and South America	6.2.8.B.4.h 6.2.8.B.1.b	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>What were the most significant effects of the Colombian Exchange?</p> <p>What are Latin America's most influential physical features?</p> <p>How and why does the standard of living vary across Latin America?</p> <p>Why do people practice different levels of agriculture in different places?</p> <p>What is the specific interdependence between people and the physical geography of Latin America?</p>	<p>Effects of the Columbian Exchange.</p> <p>Physical features of Central and South America.</p> <p>The student understands how people, places, and environments are connected and interdependent.</p> <p>The student understands the growth, distribution, movement, and characteristics of world population.</p>	<p>Explain how the locations, land forms, and climates of Mexico, Central America, and South America affected the development of Mayan, Aztec, and Incan societies, cultures, and economies.</p> <p>Compare and contrast how nomadic and agrarian societies used land and natural resources.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 7-8	Western Europe/ History, including migration, war, trade, innovations and diffusion, has shaped the political, economic and social landscape of western Europe.	6.2.8.B.4.a	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How do push and pull factors and physical geography influence migration in Western Europe?</p> <p>How have western Europeans adapted to and affected their environment through technology and innovation?</p> <p>How have European cultures maintained their continuity despite waves of migration and warfare?</p> <p>How has the diffusion of western European culture influenced other regions of the world?</p> <p>How do physical geography and human processes lead to the formation of boundaries and political systems?</p>	<p>How push and pull factors and physical geography have influenced migration in Western Europe.</p> <p>How western Europeans adapted to and affected their environment through technology and innovation.</p> <p>European cultures maintained their continuity despite waves of migration and warfare.</p> <p>Ways in which western European culture influenced other regions of the world .</p> <p>Physical geography and human processes lead to the formation of boundaries and political systems.</p>	<p>Explain how geography influenced the development of the political, economic, and cultural centers of each empire and well as the empires' relationships with other parts of the world.</p>	<p>Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.</p>

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Week 9-10	Eastern Europe and Russia	6.2.8.B.4.a	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How and why has the political map of Eastern Europe and Russia changed from the end of WWII to today?</p> <p>How has the rise and fall of communism affected the physical environment of Russia, Eastern Europe, and their relationships with other countries?</p> <p>How has the aftermath of communism impacted the transition of Eastern Europe to the EU?</p> <p>How have transitions from command to market/free enterprise economies affected the people of Eastern Europe and Russia?</p> <p>How does location and management of resources affect movement of product and people?</p> <p>How do physical geography and human processes lead to formation of boundaries and political systems?</p>	The emergence of empires (i.e., Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas) resulted from the promotion of interregional trade, cultural exchanges, new technologies, urbanization, and centralized political organization.	Explain how geography influenced the development of the political, economic, and cultural centers of each empire and well as the empires' relationships with other parts of the world.	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 15-16	Southwest Asia/ The Cultural Crossroads	6.2.8.B.4.d 6.2.8.B.4.g 6.2.8.B.2.b	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	How are people, places, and environment connected and interdependent? How do different cultural beliefs influence public policy and decision making processes? How have the people of South West Asia adapted to the extreme effect of their physical environment?	Understand the impact of cultural beliefs on public policy. Understand the interdependence of people, places, and environment. People adapt to extreme effects of their environment. Physical features of the Middle East played a critical role in their social, economic, and political development. South West Asia is a cultural hearth.	Explain why the Arabian Peninsula's physical features and location made it the epicenter of Afro-Eurasian trade and fostered the spread of Islam into Africa, Europe, and Asia. Explain why the strategic location and economic importance of Constantinople and the Mediterranean Sea were a source of conflict between civilizations. Compare and contrast physical and political maps of ancient river valley civilizations and their modern counterparts (i.e., Mesopotamia and Iraq; Ancient Egypt and Modern Egypt; Indus River Valley and Modern Pakistan/India; Ancient China and Modern China), and determine the geopolitical impact of these civilizations, then and now.	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 11-12	Africa/ Diversity, Challenges, and a Legacy of Colonialism	6.2.8.B.4.d 6.2.8.B.4.c	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How does the history of colonization continue to affect the economic and social aspects of African countries today?</p> <p>What physical processes and relationships support different African biomes? How are people, places and the environment in Africa connected and interdependent? As a result of geography, are African cultures more similar or different?</p> <p>How do different cultural beliefs influence public policies and decision making processes? How have challenges such as civil unrest, warfare and pandemic disease affected population patterns, demographics and standards of living of African countries?</p>	<p>The emergence of empires (i.e., Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas) resulted from the promotion of interregional trade, cultural exchanges, new technologies, urbanization, and centralized political organization.</p> <p>The challenges faced by African nations are caused by internal and external forces within the economic, political, ethnic and human development characteristics of the continent.</p>	<p>Explain why the Arabian Peninsula's physical features and location made it the epicenter of Afro-Eurasian trade and fostered the spread of Islam into Africa, Europe, and Asia.</p> <p>Determine how Africa's physical geography and natural resources posed challenges and opportunities for trade and development.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 13-14	South Asia/ Physical, cultural, political and economic issues of South Asia	6.2.8.B.2.b	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How have the people of South Asia adapted to the extreme effect of their physical environment?</p> <p>How can population pyramids help us understand past, present, and future population characteristics and trends?</p> <p>How do levels of economic development vary across the region?</p> <p>How do opportunities for women compare around the world?</p> <p>How do major religions of South Asia influence countries culture, economy, and politics?</p> <p>How has Western culture influenced South Asia in the past and the present?</p>	<p>The emergence of empires (i.e., Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas) resulted from the promotion of interregional trade, cultural exchanges, new technologies, urbanization, and centralized political organization.</p> <p>People adapt to their physical environment. Economic development and prosperity vary across regions.</p> <p>South Asia is shaped by its rapidly expanding population, proximity to natural hazards, religious traditions, and colonial legacy.</p>	<p>Compare and contrast physical and political maps of ancient river valley civilizations and their modern counterparts (i.e., Mesopotamia and Iraq; Ancient Egypt and Modern Egypt; Indus River Valley and Modern Pakistan/India; Ancient China and Modern China), and determine the geopolitical impact of these civilizations, then and now.</p>	<p>Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.</p>

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Week 15-16	East Asia/ China, Japan, Korea, and Influence	6.2.8.B.4.f 6.2.8.B.2.b	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How have countries in East Asia attempted to address their overpopulation issues?</p> <p>How do the countries in this region adapt to and modify their physical environment?</p> <p>What is China's economic, political, and social influence on the rest of the world?</p> <p>What are the physical and human characteristics of the largest cities in East Asia?</p> <p>How has China's adoption of more free enterprise principles and policies affected itself as well as the rest of the world?</p>	<p>Countries address issues like overpopulation, environmental factors, and economy in various ways.</p> <p>How the impact of free enterprise system in one country affects other countries.</p> <p>Students will understand the effect of Communism in China's economy.</p>	<p>Explain how the geographies of China and Japan influenced their development and their relationship with one another.</p> <p>Compare and contrast physical and political maps of ancient river valley civilizations and their modern counterparts (i.e., Mesopotamia and Iraq; Ancient Egypt and Modern Egypt; Indus River Valley and Modern Pakistan/India; Ancient China and Modern China), and determine the geopolitical impact of these civilizations, then and now.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.

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Week 17	Southeast Asia/ Southeast Asia influenced Asian, African, and European politics, economics and culture.	6.2.8.B.4.d 6.2.8.B.2.b	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>What impact has natural resources has on Southeast Asia's economic and political development?</p> <p>How has colonization and imperialism affected Southeast Asia?</p> <p>How have geographic process such as volcanoes and tsunamis affected the region of Southeast Asia?</p> <p>What accounts for the vast differences in level of development and range of economic activities between different countries in Southeast Asia?</p> <p>What political, economic and environmental factors have contributed to migration patterns in this region?</p> <p>How can population pyramids help us understand past, present, and future population characteristics and trends?</p>	<p>Southeast Asia and its island or coastal geography has impacted current issues such as urbanization.</p> <p>Political, environmental, geographic, and economic factors impact migration patterns in Southeast Asia.</p> <p>Understand the impact of colonization and imperialism in Southeast Asia.</p>	<p>Explain why the Arabian Peninsula's physical features and location made it the epicenter of Afro-Eurasian trade and fostered the spread of Islam into Africa, Europe, and Asia.</p> <p>Compare and contrast physical and political maps of ancient river valley civilizations and their modern counterparts (i.e., Mesopotamia and Iraq; Ancient Egypt and Modern Egypt; Indus River Valley and Modern Pakistan/India; Ancient China and Modern China), and determine the geopolitical impact of these civilizations, then and now.</p>	<p>Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.</p>

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Week 18	Australia and the Pacific Rim/ Isolationism	6.2.8.B.1.a 6.2.8.B.4.e	RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.9	<p>How, where, and why have people migrated to and through Oceania, Australia, and New Zealand?</p> <p>What are the physical characteristics of Oceania, Australia, and New Zealand?</p> <p>How have geographic processes changed Oceania?</p> <p>How have native people in Oceania, Australia, and New Zealand maintained and/or integrated traditional customs and lifestyles?</p> <p>How do nations work together to protect the environment?</p> <p>How does technology influence economic activities as well as impact the environment?</p>	<p>Understand the physical characteristics of this region and impact on migration patterns.</p> <p>Nations have to work together to protect the environment.</p> <p>Ways in which natives of these countries have retained customs and adopted new customs.</p> <p>Impact of geographic isolationism on the political and economic factors.</p>	<p>Explain the various migratory patterns of hunters/gatherers who moved from Africa to Eurasia, Australia, and the Americas, and describe the impact of migration on their lives and on the shaping of societies.</p> <p>Analyze the motivations for civilizations to modify the environment, determine the positive and negative consequences of environmental changes made during this time period, and relate these changes to current environmental challenges.</p>	Prentice Hall: myWorld Geography Survey Edition.