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Honors World History A/World Geography

Semester A Summary:

This is the first of two courses that comprise Honors World History. Pearson's World History provides the basis for instruction. This rigorous course provides the student with a comprehensive examination of world history from ancient times through the Global Age. The student will begin by exploring prehistory and early civilizations, focusing on the ancient civilizations of the Americas, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome. The student will then study Medieval Christian Europe from the early to the late Middle Ages, followed by regional civilizations with a focus on the Muslim world, Africa, and Asia. Finally, the student will explore early modern times with a focus on the Renaissance, Reformation, and the Global Age. Portfolios, comprehension questions, and unit tests are differentiated from the standard World History course to provide a higher level of rigor for Honors students.

Semester A Outline

1. Course Overview

1. Getting Started in World History

2. Origins of Civilization

1. Learning About Our Past

- Identify how scientists and scholars use evidence to learn about the past
- Explain the methods anthropologists use to study prehistory
- Describe how archaeological discoveries influence views about early humans

2. The Neolithic Revolution

- Identify characteristics of early humans during the Old Stone Age
- Analyze how the Neolithic Revolution changed the way early humans lived
- Explain how economic factors such as surplus caused political changes during the Neolithic Revolution

3. A Civilization Begins

- Explain the impact of farming on life among Neolithic peoples
- Describe the cultural, political, and economic characteristics of early river civilizations
- Describe the emergence of social hierarchies in early river civilizations
- Explain how job specialization and other economic changes gave rise to organized government in early river civilizations
- Infer how cooperation within and conflict among early civilizations may have impacted the use of resources
- Use a map to explain the impact of geographic factors on early human settlement

4. Unit Review and Test

- Explain how scientists use evidence to interpret history
- Explain the features of early civilizations

- Identify the effects of Neolithic Revolution on humanity
- 3. Ancient Middle East and Egypt**
1. Sumer and Mesopotamia
 - Evaluate the lasting impact of ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia
 - Identify causes and effects of the rise of the Persian empire
 - Describe the impact of Hammurabi's Code on later political and legal ideas
 - Describe political, economic, and social characteristics of ancient civilizations and empires in Mesopotamia
 - Explain the influence of geographic factors on ancient Mesopotamian civilizations and empires
 2. The Hebrews and the Origins of Judaism
 - Describe the development of monotheism
 - Explain the origins, key teachings, and influence of Judaism
 - Evaluate the impact of the Jewish Ten Commandments on later political and legal ideas
 - Describe the social, economic, political, and religious characteristics of ancient Israel
 - Explain the impact of geographic factors on the development of Hebrew civilization and the spread of Judaism
 3. Egyptian Civilization
 - Explain events and conditions that led to the rise of Egyptian civilization
 - Explain the lasting legacy of ancient Egypt
 - Explain the impact of geographic factors on ancient Egyptian civilization
 - Describe the government, society, and religious beliefs of ancient Egypt
 - Describe the technological, artistic, and other cultural achievements of ancient Egypt
 - Compare the social status of women in Egypt to that of other women in the ancient world
 4. Unit Review and Test
 - Analyze the development of the ancient civilizations of the Middle East and Egypt
 - Explain the influences of ancient Egypt and Middle Eastern civilizations on modern civilization
 - Analyze the origins and key teachings of Judaism
- 4. The Americas**
1. Civilizations in Middle America
 - Explain how the Neolithic Revolution gave rise to civilizations in Middle America
 - Explain the influence of the Olmec civilization on the development of the Maya and the Aztec civilizations
 - Compare political, economic and social characteristics of the Maya and Aztec civilizations
 - Summarize the scientific and cultural achievements of the Maya and the Aztec
 - Infer how cooperation within and conflict among early Middle American civilizations affected use of resources in the region
 2. The World of the Incas
 - Describe political, economic, and social characteristics of the Inca civilization
 - Summarize the scientific and cultural achievements of early Andean cultures and the Incas

- Evaluate how unity and cooperation within the Inca empire enabled the Inca to better control resources
 - Explain how early Andean civilizations gave rise to the Incas
 - Describe the roles of women and family in the Inca empire
 - Use maps to evaluate the impact of geographic features on the settlement and expansion of the Incas
3. The People of North America
- Describe the political, economic, and social characteristics of early peoples in North America
 - Explain how the competition for resources led to cooperation within and conflict among Native American groups
 - Describe the impact of farming on the rise of civilization in North America
 - Compare the roles of women and men among early peoples in North America
 - Evaluate the impact of geographic factors on the development of distinct culture groups in North America
4. Unit Review and Test
- Describe the development and decline of the Mayan, Incan, and Aztec civilizations
 - Evaluate the origin of major scientific, mathematical, and technological advances in the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations
- 5. Ancient India and China**
1. Early Civilization and Religion in South Asia
- Explain the origins and key teachings of Hinduism and Buddhism
 - Describe the religious, political, and cultural legacy of early civilizations in South Asia
 - Evaluate the impact of geographic factors on the rise and decline of early civilizations in South Asia
 - Analyze the political, economic, social, and religious features of early civilizations in South Asia
2. Powerful Empires Emerge in India
- Explain the origins and influence of the Maurya and Gupta empires
 - Describe the political, social, economic, and religious characteristics of the Maurya empire
 - Describe the political, social, economic, and religious characteristics of the Gupta empire
 - Evaluate the impact of geographic factors on the rise and decline of the Maurya and Gupta empires
 - Describe the roles of women, children and family in the Maurya and Gupta empires
 - Write and cite evidence to defend a thesis statement
3. Ancient Civilization in China
- Describe the origins and impact of the development of the Zhou empire in China
 - Explain how early river valley civilizations in China gave rise to later civilizations
 - Explain geographic influences on the development of early civilizations in China
 - Analyze the political, social, economic, and religious characteristics of the Zhou empire in China
 - Summarize the key teachings of Confucianism and Daoism

4. Strong Rulers Unite China
 - Summarize the scientific, technological, and cultural achievements of Han China
 - Describe the spread of Buddhism in ancient China
 - Explain the causes behind the decline of Han China
 - Evaluate the legacy of the Qin and Han dynasties in China
 - Describe social, political, and economic characteristics of China under the Qin and Han dynasties
5. Ancient India and China Portfolio
 - Use historical and geographic information to draw inferences and conclusions
 - Write and cite evidence to defend a thesis statement
6. Unit Review and Test
 - Analyze the development of the ancient civilizations of India and China
 - Explain the influences of ancient India and China on modern civilization
 - Analyze the origins and key teachings of Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, and Confucianism

6. Ancient Greece

1. Early Greece
 - Explain the origins and decline of early Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations
 - Describe the culture of early Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations
 - Describe the cultural legacy of early Greek civilization
 - Analyze social, political and economic characteristics of early Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations
2. The Greek City-States
 - Describe the lasting impact of the political ideas and structures of the ancient Greek city-states
 - Compare and contrast the systems of government among classical Greek city-states
 - Describe the roles of men, women, and families in early Greek city-states
 - Explain the effects of conflict among the city-states of Athens and Sparta
 - Use maps to evaluate the impact of geographic factors on the formation of Greek city-states
3. Greek Thinkers, Artists, Writers, and Leaders
 - Analyze the political and philosophical ideas of classical Greek thinkers, including those of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle
 - Evaluate the influence of classical Greek political thought on modern institutions of law and government
 - Identify the impact of innovations and ideas from classical Greek scientists and mathematicians
 - Analyze the artistic, architectural, and literary achievements of ancient Greece
4. Unit Review and Test
 - Explain the causes and effects of the development of the classical civilization of Greece
 - Analyze how the ethical and moral principles of early civilizations affected the development of Western political thought
 - Evaluate the origin and impact of mathematical, scientific, and technological ideas in classical Greece
 - Explain the influence of religious and philosophical beliefs in ancient Greece on modern society

7. Ancient Rome

1. The Roman Republic
 - Explain the political legacy of the Roman republic
 - Summarize characteristics and institutions of the Roman republic
 - Describe the roles of men, women, and the family in the Roman republic
 - Evaluate the influence of senators, consuls, and other officials in the Roman republic
 - Describe elements of culture in early Rome and the Roman republic
2. The Roman Empire: Rise and Decline
 - Summarize events that led to the rise of the Roman empire
 - Explain contributing factors to the decline of the western Roman empire
 - Identify the contributions of significant Romans
 - Compare and contrast Roman society and government under the Roman republic and the Roman empire
3. The Legacy of Rome
 - Describe the lasting influence of Roman political institutions
 - Describe the literary, artistic, and other elements of culture handed down from ancient Rome
 - Describe the scientific, mathematical, and technological achievements of ancient Rome
 - Explain how the Roman empire spread and integrated culture on three continents
4. The Origins of Christianity
 - Explain the origins and key teachings of Christianity
 - Analyze the similarities and differences between Christian ethics and Roman law and governance
 - Assess the role of individuals in the development and spread of Christianity
5. Unit Review and Test
 - Explain the causes and effects of the development of the classical civilization of Rome
 - Analyze how the ethical and moral principles of early civilizations affected the development of Western political thought
 - Evaluate the origin and impact of mathematical, scientific, and technological ideas in classical Rome
 - Explain the influence of religious and philosophical beliefs in ancient Rome on modern society

8. Medieval Christian Europe, Part I

1. The Early Middle Ages
 - Describe the rise and influence of the Byzantine empire
 - Describe social, political, and economic characteristics of early medieval Europe
 - Identify factors behind the spread of Christianity in medieval Europe
 - Explain the role of Christianity in uniting medieval Europe and the Byzantine empire
 - Explain the influence of geographic factors on medieval European civilization
 - Describe the impact of the fall of Rome on European civilization
2. Feudalism and the Manor Economy
 - Describe the development of feudalism and manorialism during the Middle Ages

- Summarize the characteristics of feudalism and manorialism in Western Europe
 - Explain the economic and social impacts of medieval feudalism and manorialism
 - Describe the roles of women and families in medieval society
3. The Medieval Christian Church and Crusades
 - Describe causes and effects of the spread of Christianity in medieval Europe
 - Describe the rising influence of the Church on society and politics in medieval Europe
 - Explain the causes and effects of interaction among Christians, Jews, and Muslims in medieval Europe
 - Compare and contrast Roman Catholicism with Eastern Orthodoxy
 - Describe changes to medieval society and economic activity over time, as well as the impact of medieval guilds
 - Describe the impact of the Church on the roles of women in medieval society
 4. The Feudal Monarchs and the Church
 - Explain the rise of strong monarchs in medieval Europe
 - Describe how the relationship between religious and secular leaders in medieval Europe changed over time
 - Describe limits on the powers of medieval monarchies
 - Evaluate how the Magna Carta limited the power of the monarch
 5. Unit Review and Test
 - Analyze the causes and effects of the formation of medieval Europe
 - Explain the effects of the economic system of manorialism
 - Explain the causes and effects of the rise of the Byzantine empire
 - Evaluate the development of Christianity in the Middle Ages

9. Medieval Christian Europe, Part II

1. A Flourishing Culture in the Middle Ages
 - Describe key examples of art, architecture, literature, and music characteristic of the Middle Ages
 - Identify cultural influences on medieval art, architecture, literature, and music
 - Explain the impact of European art, architecture, literature, and music on other cultures and society today
 - Describe medieval institutions of education and their role in society, culture, and politics
 - Describe the lasting cultural impact of the Byzantine empire
2. The Late Middle Ages: A Time of Upheaval
 - Explain factors that contributed to the decline of medieval Europe
 - Describe challenges faced by the Church in the late Middle Ages
 - Identify causes and consequences of the Black Death and the Hundred Years' War
3. Russia and Eastern Europe
 - Describe the influence of geographic factors on the rise of Russian civilization
 - Explain the origins and influence of the Russian Orthodox Church
 - Summarize political, economic, and cultural aspects of tsarist Russia
 - Describe political and cultural influences on Eastern European kingdoms
 - Explain the impact of Mongol rule on Russia and Eastern Europe

- Produce a written guide to life in medieval Europe that analyzes the experiences and roles of the serf, merchant and artisan, noble, and ruling class
4. Unit Review and Test
 - Explain the lasting impact of the culture of the Middle Ages
 - Analyze the causes and effects of the decline of medieval Europe
 - Explain how geography influenced the rise and development of Eastern Europe
 - Evaluate how modern government is affected by earlier forms of government

10. The Muslim World and Africa

1. The Origins of Islam
 - Locate and identify the significance of Mecca and Medina to Islam
 - Explain the role of Muhammad and his followers in the development of Islam
 - Describe the origins and early spread of Islam
 - Summarize the key teachings of Islam
 - Evaluate the political and social impact of Islam
2. A Muslim Empire and Its Achievements
 - Describe the circumstances that gave rise to Muslim empires in Southwest Asia and North Africa
 - Describe society and government under early Islamic empires
 - Summarize the artistic, literary, scientific, and other cultural achievements of early Muslim civilization
3. The Ottoman and Safavid Empires
 - Describe the causes and effects of the rise of the Ottoman and Safavid empires
 - Describe interactions among Muslim, Christian, and Jewish peoples under Ottoman rule
 - Summarize social and political characteristics of the Ottoman and Safavid empires
4. Early Civilizations of Africa
 - Describe the impact of Islam on early civilizations in North Africa
 - Summarize political, economic, social, and cultural characteristics of civilizations in Africa
 - Evaluate how geographic features made possible human settlement and encouraged human migration in the region
5. West and East Africa
 - Describe the influence of geographic features on the formation of civilization in West Africa and East Africa
 - Explain the factors that contribute to economic interdependence in the region
 - Evaluate the influence of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity on the formation of civilizations in the region
6. Diverse Peoples and Traditions in Africa
 - Describe the ways in which art, architecture, and literature reflect African civilization
 - Evaluate the impact of Islam and Christianity on the development of African civilization
 - Explain the role of men, women, and family in African civilizations
7. Unit Review and Test
 - Explain the causes and effects of the rise of the Ottoman empire
 - Analyze the rise of Islam and its influence on Europe, Asia, and Africa

- Analyze the development of the early civilizations of Africa
- Explain how the arts and religion influence culture

11. **Civilizations in Asia**

1. The Delhi Sultanate and Mughal India
 - Describe the interaction of Muslims and Hindus and the influence of Islam and Hinduism on events in India
 - Describe significant institutions and ideas that originated in India
 - Summarize the central tenets and spread of Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhism in India
 - Analyze the significance of the Taj Mahal as a cultural icon
 - Explain causes and consequences of the Mongol invasion of India
2. Golden Ages of China: Tang and Song Dynasties
 - Summarize the political, economic, and social characteristics of Tang and Song China
 - Describe the artistic, scientific, mathematic, and technological achievements of Tang and Song China
 - Explain the roles of men, women, and family in Tang and Song China
 - Evaluate the importance of trade to the development of Tang and Song China
 - Assess the lasting cultural influence of Tang and Song China
3. The Mongol Empire and Ming China
 - Describe the causes and consequences of the Mongol invasion of China
 - Summarize the political, social, and economic characteristics of China under Mongol rule and the Ming dynasty
 - Identify the contributions of Genghis Khan and Kublai Khan
 - Explain the significance of the Pax Mongolica
 - Describe the importance of economic and cultural activity in Ming China
4. Korea and Japan
 - Describe the impact of geographic factors on the development of Korean and Japanese civilization
 - Explain the development of Zen Buddhism and Shinto belief systems
 - Explain China's influence on civilization in Korea and Japan
 - Describe society under dynastic Korea and feudal Japan
 - Summarize the cultural achievements of the Choson dynasty in Korea and the Heian period in Japan
5. The Many Cultures of Southeast Asia
 - Explain the influence of India and China on empires in Southeast Asia
 - Summarize the social, political, and economic characteristics of empires in Southeast Asia
 - Describe the artistic, architectural, and other cultural achievements of Southeast Asian civilizations
 - Evaluate the impact of geographic factors on the formation of empires in Southeast Asia
 - Describe the spread of religious ideas in Southeast Asia
6. Unit Review and Test
 - Analyze the development of early civilizations in Asia
 - Explain the causes and effects of Mongol invasions on early civilizations
 - Evaluate the influence of the Ming dynasty on world trade
 - Explain the origin and impact of mathematical, scientific, and technological ideas in China prior to 1750
 - Explain the impact of interactions among cultures in Asian civilizations

12. The Renaissance and Reformation

1. The Italian Renaissance
 - Summarize the causes and effects of the Italian Renaissance
 - Explain how Renaissance ideas encouraged individualism and secularism
 - Describe examples of art, architecture, and literature from the Italian Renaissance
 - Use maps to evaluate the spread of Renaissance ideas
 - Explain how Renaissance art and literature reflect the culture by which they were produced
2. The Renaissance in Northern Europe
 - Explain the impact of the printing press on European society
 - Summarize the causes and effects of the Renaissance in northern Europe
 - Explain how the Renaissance in northern Europe encouraged individualism and secularism
 - Describe the significance of key examples of art, architecture, and literature from the Renaissance in northern Europe
 - Explain how northern Renaissance art and literature reflects the culture by which it was produced
3. The Protestant Reformation
 - Describe causes and effects of the Protestant Reformation
 - Explain the impact of the printing press on the spread of Reformation ideas
 - Summarize the roles of key individuals in the Reformation
 - Describe the relationship between Protestant reforms and the growth of individualism and secularism
4. Reformation Ideas Spread
 - Compare and contrast the origins and practices of Protestant sects that emerged during the Reformation
 - Explain the causes and effects of the Catholic Counter-Reformation
 - Evaluate the impact of Reformation ideas on European society and politics
 - Analyze the roles of men, women, and children during the Reformation
5. The Scientific Revolution
 - Explain the scientific method and its significance to the Scientific Revolution
 - Identify contributions by Copernicus, Galileo, Isaac Newton, Robert Boyle, and other scientists during the Scientific Revolution
 - Evaluate the nature of the Scientific Revolution as a revolution
 - Explain the causes and effects of the Scientific Revolution in Europe and around the world
 - Explain the relationship between the Scientific Revolution and ideas about individualism and secularism
6. Unit Review and Test
 - Evaluate the effects of the Renaissance on world history
 - Evaluate the effects of the Reformation on world history
 - Evaluate the effects of the Scientific Revolution on world history

13. New Global Connections

1. Europeans Explore Overseas
 - Identify causes and consequences of European exploration in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries
 - Describe the role of trade in increasing global economic interdependence
 - Explain the influence of geographic factors on European exploration and trade

- Describe the human characteristics of places in Africa, Asia, and the Americas encountered by European explorers
- 2. Europeans Gain Footholds in Asia
 - Explain the effects of European exploration and trade in Asia
 - Describe the influence of Ming China on international trade
 - Identify sources of conflict and competition in global trade in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries
 - Evaluate the impact of geographic factors on global trade
- 3. European Conquests and Colonies
 - Summarize events that led to European exploration and colonization of the Americas
 - Describe the impact of European exploration on the Americas and on Native American civilizations
 - Describe the role of trade and competition in European exploration and colonization
 - Evaluate the role of geographic factors in European exploration and colonization
 - Compare and contrast life in the Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English colonies
- 4. The Slave Trade and Its Impact on Africa
 - Explain the causes and effects of the Atlantic slave trade
 - Compare and contrast the conditions endured by enslaved Africans in different parts of the Americas
 - Explain the geographic, economic, and cultural significance of triangular trade
- 5. Effects of Global Contact
 - Explain the causes and effects of the Columbian Exchange
 - Describe the role of mercantilism in European colonization
 - Explain factors that led to Europe's Commercial Revolution
 - Evaluate geographic features that influenced Europeans trade and colonization
- 6. Unit Review and Test
 - Assess the causes and effects of European trade, exploration, and expansion
 - Evaluate the effects of European colonization in the Americas
 - Analyze the effects of the Atlantic slave trade
 - Explain how European exploration led to global economic change

14. World History Semester Exam

1. World History Semester Exam Review
 - Explain the role of geography in shaping civilization
 - Describe factors that influence the structure of government and the exercise of government power
 - Assess the relationship between the political, economic, and social elements of civilization
 - Explain the interrelationship among elements of culture, including art and architecture, literature, science and technology, religion, and political ideology
 - Analyze causes and consequences of economic and social activity, including settlement, trade, migration, colonization, and conflict and cooperation
 - Explain factors that lead to Europe's Commercial Revolution
2. World History Semester Exam

Semester B Summary:

Geography develops students' comprehension of the geographical concepts and skills needed to acquire information and systematically apply decision-making processes to real-life situations. Students will acquire an understanding of multiculturalism and the relationships between people and their environment. Geography explores the world's cultural regions by examining location, physical characteristics, demographics, historical changes, economic activity, and land use.

Semester B Outline

1. People and Places

1. The Origins of Geography

- Learn the definition of geography and discover who is responsible for initiating the science
- Explore the history of geography and read excerpts from the travel writings of historians, navigators, and other travelers of the past
- Study a timeline of maps, noting how human perception of the planet's geographical layout has morphed from a vast unknown expanse to a world whose every square foot can be pinpointed

2. The Lay of the Land

- Gain a basic understanding of what the science of physical geography entails
- Familiarize yourself with the interior of the Earth, the science of plate tectonics, continents, and oceans
- Examine the concepts of the lines of latitude and longitude, hemisphere, and prime meridian
- Explain one theory of how Earth was formed
- Define climate and explain how it affects human populations
- Identify the composition of the earth's atmosphere

3. Defining Human Geography

- Distinguish the differences between physical geography and human geography
- Define culture and cultural traits
- Distinguish differences between ethnicity and race
- Explore cultural effects of major world religions
- Discuss pop culture, folk culture, and language
- Explore the numerous areas of study in human geography, focusing on the more intrinsic, people-centered topics

4. The World at Large

- Study population and its place in human geography
- Consider how economics define human culture
- Gain a basic knowledge of political geography and familiarize yourself with some of the world's governing bodies
- Consider the definition of "country" and enumerate the countries of the world

2. Europe

1. Europe's Physical Landscape

- Review how to read a globe and maps
- Explore the terrain of Europe
- Examine the climate features of the continent

- Study the native plants and animals, and become aware of endangered species
 - Explore the European landscape, flora, and fauna by taking a virtual hike through a selected country
2. Europe's Cultural Landscape
 - Identify different elements of European culture
 - Compare the main religions found on the continent
 - Explore the various languages spoken in Europe
 - Take a virtual trip to one European country and discover its customs
 3. Europe's Political Landscape
 - Study the recent political history of Europe in order to understand the creation of the European Union
 - Explore the beginnings of the European Union
 - Examine the structure, membership, and goals of the European Union
 4. Europe's Economic Landscape
 - Identify the conditions that led to the creation of the European Union
 - Describe the goals of the European Union

3. Africa

1. Africa's Physical Landscape
 - Explore the terrain of Africa
 - Study the various climatic zones of the continent
 - Examine the native plants and animals, including some of those in danger of extinction
 - Take a virtual nature trip to one particular region of Africa and learn more about its natural landscape
2. Africa's Cultural Landscape
 - Describe the diverse characteristics of African culture
 - Identify major African religions
 - Identify the main languages of the African continent
 - Describe village life
3. Africa's Political Landscape
 - Trace the political history of Africa
 - Identify the causes and effects of European imperialism
 - Define apartheid
 - Identify examples of civil unrest in Africa since the independence movements
4. Africa's Economic Landscape
 - Identify factors that create poverty in Africa
 - Discuss the goals and efforts of the African Union to promote political and economic stability in the region

4. Asia

1. An Introduction to Asia
 - Gain a general knowledge of the various regions and countries of Asia
 - Acquire insight into the national cultures and economies of these areas
 - Explore the physical geography of Asia
2. The Cultural Landscape of India
 - Gain insight into the culture and people of India
 - Explore the major religions of India
 - Examine the languages of India
 - Learn about India's caste system
 - Understand the importance of family and marriage in Indian society

3. The Political Landscape of China
 - Explore the recent history of the People's Republic of China
4. China's Growing Economy
 - Explain the cause and effects of China's rapid economic expansion.
- 5. North America**
 1. The Physical Landscape of North America
 - Examine the terrain of North America
 - Explore the climatic features of the continent
 - Discover the diverse variety of plants and animals on the continent by learning of its many bioregions
 - Make a virtual visit "south of the border" to explore Mexico's flora and fauna
 2. The Cultural Landscape of North America
 - Explore the cultural character of North America
 - Investigate the major religions of the North American culture
 - Examine the languages spoken in North America
 - Pay a virtual visit to Quebec
 3. The Political Landscape of North America
 - Compare and contrast the political systems of the continent
 - Explore the problem of illegal immigration into the U.S.
 4. The Economic Landscape of North America
 - Examine North America's economic situation
 - Describe the function of blocs in international trade
- 6. South America**
 1. The Physical Landscape of South America
 - Explore the diverse physical features of South America
 - Study the climate of the continent
 - Discover the wealth of unique flora and fauna on the continent
 - Study the biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands
 2. The Cultural Landscape of South America
 - Gain insight into the cultures of South America
 - Identify the predominant religions of the continent
 - Examine the native tongues of South America
 - Decide the fate of an indigenous Ecuadoran village through ecotourism
 3. South America's Political Landscape
 - Explore the recent political history of South America
 - Study South America's current political climate
 4. South America's Economic Landscape
 - Identify crucial commodities in the South American market
 - Examine the continent's economic situation
- 7. Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands**
 1. An Introduction to Oceania
 - Identify the physical features of Oceania
 - Locate the region of Oceania on a map
 - Explain the significance of the Ring of Fire
 2. The Cultural Landscape of Oceania
 - Identify the main ethnic groups that contribute to the diverse societies of Oceania
 - Describe the cultural traits and accomplishments of the different cultures of Oceania

- Explain how the geography of the land has shaped cultural values and practices
3. The Other Land Down Under
 - Explore the unique geological features and landscape of New Zealand, a nation of Oceania
 - Examine the various microclimates of New Zealand
 - Become acquainted with New Zealand's exotic flora and fauna
 - Go on a virtual walkabout through New Zealand's Milford Trek
 4. The Economic Landscape of Oceania
 - Explain how geography shapes economic activities in different regions of Oceania
 - Identify the natural and human resources found in the region
 - Compare and contrast three economies

8. Current Issues

1. Strength in Numbers?
 - Gain in-depth knowledge of human population
 - Examine in more detail the distribution of human populations around the planet
 - Ascertain what spurs population growth
 - Acquaint yourself with the model of demographic transition
2. The Clock Is Ticking
 - Examine overpopulation and its effects on the natural world, cultures, and economies
 - Discuss overpopulation in the context of the world population clock
 - List measures that can be taken to control population growth
3. Climate Change and Pollution
 - Examine the natural greenhouse effect and how it has been altered
 - Explore how human activity has caused this global climate change
 - Study the effects of global warming on the planet
 - Discover the measures that could reverse this phenomenon
4. A Second Chance
 - Define human geography
 - Review environmental issues of the 21st century
 - Explore the concept of sustainability as an umbrella approach to remedying global predicaments

9. Final Review and Exam

1. Geography Final Review
2. Geography Final Exam