

SPECIAL EDUCATION WORLD HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY
GRADE 9
(1 Semester)

COURSE OVERVIEW:

World History/Geography is designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore the political, social, cultural, and economic relationships throughout the world. The course focuses on developing geographical skills in order to understand the ways in which the physical environment and economy affect our world. Regions that will be explored in this course are Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, Australia, and Antarctica.

UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:

- UNIT I - Overview of Geography
- UNIT II - North America
- UNIT III - Latin America
- UNIT IV - Europe
- UNIT V - Asia
- UNIT VI - Africa

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

1. Read maps and other geographic materials and technologies to interpret special patterns and distributions. (17A)
2. Identify major regions of the world and analyze their relationship to their physical environment. (17B)
3. Become familiar with how technology alters global interactions. (17C)
4. Become acquainted with various countries' economic activities and analyze how they relate with growth trends. (17C)
5. Identify how spatial change has affected human history. (17D)
6. Develop an understanding of global economics. (15A, 15D, 15E)
7. Develop an understanding of the five major religions of the world and their influence on cultural development. (18A)

MAJOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES:

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| 1. | Develop map interpretation skills to answer complex geographic questions. |
| 2. | Use maps and other geographic materials to analyze special patterns and distributions on earth. |
| 3. | Participate in cooperative learning activities. |
| 4. | Develop researching skills by using the Internet and other technology. |
| 5. | Produce a travel journal that examines issues and concerns of a particular region. |

ADOPTED TEXT OR PRINCIPAL MATERIALS USED:

Kelly, Robin E. <i>World Geography and Cultures</i> . Globe Fearon, 1994. (adopted 1994)
Bernstein, Vivian. <i>World History and You</i> . SteckVaughn, 1997 (adopted 1996)
Bernstein, Vivian <i>World Geography and You, Book 2: Africa, Asia, and Australia</i> . SteckVaughn, 1986.

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