

Fifth Grade Social Studies  
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Course Description

In this course students will study the different regions and countries of the world with emphasis on population, place, location, environment, and economic development. For each region of the world, the class will examine the physical environment, the culture and people of the regions, the economic activities of the regions and the most important political issues associated with the regions. This course will also examine how the environments, economies and peoples of the world are dependent on each other.

Learning Objectives and Benchmarks

Applies active reading skills to acquire concepts and content

Uses note taking strategies effectively to organize and access content

Uses tools of geography (maps, graphs, tables, diagrams) to locate, gather, and process info.

Identifies and explains cause and effect relationships

Analyzes information by comparing similarities and differences

Preparation for Class/ Course Materials

World Atlas (Nystrom), The Mind That's Mine, Exploring Continents: Antarctica, Exploring Continents: Asia, Exploring Continents: North America, Exploring Continents: South America,

Exploring Continents: Africa

Methods of Instruction

A variety of classroom activities, field trips, individual and cooperative group work/projects, and discussion.

Assessments

Assessment methods take various forms. In addition to tests and quizzes, students are evaluated based on their daily performance on in-class activities and homework assignments.

Projected Course Schedule

Meet four days a week for 50 minutes.