



Alignment Document

State of Louisiana And Aventa Learning Geography

Geography 2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
1	Geography		
1.A	The World in Spatial Terms		
1.A.1	Identify, explain, and apply the five themes of geography		
1.A.2	Compare and contrast various types of maps		Covered throughout the course
1.A.3	Analyze or interpret a map to locate geographic information, using a variety of map elements (e.g., compass rose, symbols, distance scales, time zones, latitude, longitude)	Africa	West Africa
		Origins and Evolutions	Evolution
		Central America	Mexico
1.A.4	Use a city or road map to plot a route from one place to another or to identify the shortest route		
1.A.5	Construct a map based on given narrative information (e.g., location of cities, bodies of water, places of historical significance)	North America	Mountain West
		North America	Canada
		North America	Midwest
		North America	South
		North America	Pacific Coast
		North America	Northeast
		South America	Northern Countries
		South America	Brazil
		South America	Argentina and Peru
		Europe	United Kingdom



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		Europe	Mediterranean and Balkans
		Europe	Western Europe
		Europe	Eastern Europe
		Europe	Benelux and Scandinavia
		Europe	Central Europe
		Africa	Central Africa
		Africa	East Africa
		Africa	North Africa
		Africa	South Africa
		Africa	West Africa
		Asia	Middle East
		Asia	Asian Islands
		Asia	Former Soviet Union
		Asia	Far East
		Asia	Near East
		Asia	Southeast Asia
		Central America	Mexico
		Central America	Caribbean
		Central America	Central American Countries
		Oceania	New Zealand
		Oceania	Pacific Islands
		Antarctica	Antarctica
1.A.6	Construct a chart, diagram, graph, or graphic organizer to display geographic information		Covered throughout the course
1.A.7	Analyze, interpret, and use information in charts, diagrams, and graphs to explain geographic issues		Covered throughout the course
1.A.8	Use maps drawn from memory to answer geographic questions		
1.B	Places and Regions		
1.B.9	Identify and analyze the distinguishing physical or human characteristics of a given place (e.g., landforms, precipitation, ecosystems, settlement patterns, economic activities)	North America	Mountain West
1.B.10	Evaluate how location, topography, climate, natural resources, and other physical characteristics affect human activities (e.g., cultural diversity, migration, physical features, historical events, plantation, subsistence farming) or the significance of a place	North America	Pacific Coast
		North America	South



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1.B.11	Draw conclusions about a place or area from its geographic or physical features	North America	Mountain West
1.B.12	Explain how topography, climate, soil, vegetation, and natural resources shape the history of a region	North America	Mountain West
		North America	South
1.B.13	Explain how location, physical features, and human characteristics of places influenced historical events (e.g., World War II, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Middle East conflicts)	North America	Mountain West
1.B.14	Explain ways in which regional systems are interconnected (e.g., interstate transportation and trade, interconnecting rivers and canals)		
1.B.15	Analyze world regions in terms of given characteristics (e.g., population density, natural resources, economic activities, demography)	North America	Pacific Coast
1.B.16	Explain how physical or geographical characteristics (e.g., mountain ranges, interconnecting waterways) facilitate or hinder regional interactions	North America	Mountain West
1.B.17	Explain how technological advances have led to increasing interaction between regions (e.g., use of satellites for monitoring and exploration)	North America	Mountain West
1.B.18	Analyze how human activities and physical characteristics of regions have led to regional labels (e.g., Dust Bowl, New South, Sunbelt)	North America	Mountain West
1.B.19	Describe how physical, historical, and cultural characteristics give definition to a place or region (e.g., New South, Jerusalem)	North America	Mountain West
1.C	Physical and Human Systems		
1.C.20	Physical and Human Systems Categorize elements of the natural environment as belonging to one of four components of Earth's physical systems: atmosphere, lithosphere, biosphere, or hydrosphere		
1.C.21	Characterize areas or regions in terms of the physical processes that affect them (e.g., Pacific Ocean "Rim of Fire," San Andreas fault)		Covered throughout the course



1.C.22	Examine the physical effects of Earth-Sun relationships		
1.C.23	Explain the movement of wind patterns across the earth, its relationship to ocean currents, and its climatic effects on various regions of the world		
1.C.24	Examine the effects of a physical process (e.g., erosion and depository processes, global warming, El Niño) on the natural environment and societies of an area and draw conclusions from that information	North America	South
		North America	Mountain West
1.C.25	Compare and contrast past and present trends in human migration	North America	Pacific Coast
1.C.26	Assess the role of environmental changes, economic scarcity, conflict, political developments, cultural factors, and prosperity in human migration (e.g., escape from persecution or famine, migration to the suburbs)	North America	Pacific Coast
1.C.27	Analyze patterns of urban development in an area or region		Covered throughout the course
1.C.28	Compare, contrast, and analyze the distribution, growth rates, and other demographic characteristics of human populations in various countries or regions	North America	Pacific Coast
1.C.29	Analyze the current and future impact of population growth on the world (e.g., natural resources, food supply, standard of living)	North America	Pacific Coast
1.C.30	Analyze population pyramids and use other data, graphics, and maps to describe population characteristics of different societies and to predict future growth	Central America	Mexico
		Africa	West Africa
		Origins and Evolutions	Evolution
		North America	Pacific Coast
1.C.31	Compare the role that culture plays in incidents of cooperation and conflict in the present-day world	Europe	Mediterranean and Balkans
1.C.32	Analyze how certain cultural characteristics can link or divide regions (e.g., language, religion, demography)		
1.C.33	Identify the geographical distribution of the different economic systems (market, command, traditional, mixed)		



1.C.34	Distinguish between developed and developing countries, including the standard of living in these nations, GDP, and per capita income		
1.C.35	Analyze ways in which the distribution of economic systems relates to regional tensions or regional cooperation (e.g., North and South Korea)		
1.C.36	Analyze the role of differing points of view and national self-interest in disputes over territory and resources (e.g., oil, water, boundaries)		
1.C.37	Analyze regional issues and alliances in terms of common interests related to territory and resources (e.g., oil, water, boundaries)		
1.D	Environment and Society		
1.D.38	Identify technological advances that expanded human capacity to modify the environment (e.g., steam, coal, electric, nuclear power, levees)		
1.D.39	Describe challenges to human systems and activities posed by the physical environment or the impact of natural processes and disasters on human systems (e.g., infrastructure)	North America	Mountain West
		North America	South
1.D.40	Analyze or evaluate strategies for dealing with environmental challenges (e.g., dams or dikes to control floods, fertilizer to improve crop production)		
1.D.41	Analyze the relationship between the development of natural resources in a region and human settlement patterns or regional variations in land use	North America	Pacific Coast
		North America	South
1.D.42	Assess the ways in which unequal distribution of natural resources has led to exploration, colonization, and conflict	North America	South
1.D.43	Analyze world or regional distribution of natural resources in terms of import need and export capacity	North America	South



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1.D.44	Analyze the relationship between a country's standard of living and its locally accessible natural resources (e.g., the effects of oil or natural gas reserves in a region)	North America	South
1.D.45	Describe the impact of the scarcity of natural resources (e.g., water shortage) or pollution (e.g., air, water)	North America	South
1.D.46	Assess the role of government in preserving natural resources and protecting the physical environment	North America	Mountain West
		North America	South
1.D.47	Evaluate the effectiveness of policies and programs related to conservation and use of natural resources	North America	South
1.D.48	Evaluate import and export policies in regard to a country's needs for resources		
1.D.49	Debate a position on an environmental issue involving conservation or use of natural resources (e.g., private vs. public interest)	North America	South
1.D.50	Evaluate options for solving a local or regional problem involving physical processes or environmental challenges (e.g., government disaster aid, environmental clean-up cost responsibility)	North America	South
		North America	Mountain West