



Alignment Document

State of Georgia And Aventa Learning Geography

Geography 2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
SSWG	World Geography		
SSWG1	The student will explain the physical aspects of geography.		
SSWG1.a	Describe the concept of place by explaining how physical characteristics such as landforms, bodies of water, climate, soils, natural vegetation, and animal life are used to describe a place.	Africa	East Africa
		North America	Mountain West
SSWG1.b	Explain how human characteristics, such as population settlement patterns, and human activities, such as agriculture and industry, can describe a place.		
SSWG1.c	Analyze the interrelationship between physical and human characteristics of a place.	North America	Mountain West
SSWG2	The student will explain the cultural aspects of geography.		
SSWG2.a	Describe the concept of place by explaining how the culture of a region is a product of the region's physical characteristics.	North America	Mountain West
SSWG2.b	Explain how cultural characteristics of a place can be used to describe a place.		Covered throughout the course

SSWG2.c	Analyze how physical factors such as mountains, climate, and bodies of water interact with the people of a region to produce a distinctive culture.	Africa	East Africa
		North America	Mountain West
SSWG2.d	Explain how the development of customs and traditions help to define a culture and a people.		Covered throughout the course
SSWG3	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary North Africa/Southwest Asia.		
SSWG3.a	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on North Africa/Southwest Asia.	Asia	Middle East
SSWG3.b	Describe the major climates of North Africa/Southwest Asia and how they have affected the development of North Africa/Southwest Asia.	Asia	Middle East
SSWG3.c	Analyze the impact natural resources, especially oil, have on North Africa/Southwest Asia.	Asia	Middle East
SSWG3.d	Analyze the impact of water supplies on the growth of population centers.		
SSWG3.e	Explain the impact of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam on the development of the region's culture.		
SSWG3.f	Explain why this region contains areas on two different continents.	Asia	Middle East
SSWG3.g	Describe the major ethnic and cultural groups in North Africa/Southwest Asia; include major customs and traditions.	Asia	Middle East
SSWG4	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa.		
SSWG4.a	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on Sub-Saharan Africa.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG4.b	Describe the major climates of Sub-Saharan Africa and how they have affected the development of Sub-Saharan Africa.	Africa	East Africa

SSWG4.c	Describe the pattern of population distribution in the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa in relation to urbanization and modernization.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG4.d	Explain how Sub-Saharan Africa's physical features have had an impact on the distribution of its population.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG4.e	Analyze how the migration of people such as the Bantu and Zulu has had an impact on the economic, cultural, and political aspects of Sub-Saharan Africa.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG4.f	Analyze strengths and weaknesses in the development of Sub-Saharan Africa; include factors such as linguistic, tribal, and religious diversity; literacy levels; and the colonial legacy.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG4.g	Describe the ethnic and religious groups in Sub-Saharan Africa; include major customs and traditions.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG4.h	Analyze the impact of drought and desertification on Sub-Saharan Africa.	Africa	South Africa
SSWG5	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary South Asia, Southeastern Asia, and Eastern Asia.		
SSWG5.a	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on the regions of Asia.	Asia	Former Soviet Union
		Asia	Asian Islands
		Asia	Southeast Asia
SSWG5.b	Describe the major climates of each region and how they have affected each region's development.	Africa	East Africa
		Asia	Southeast Asia
		Asia	Former Soviet Union
		Asia	Asian Islands
		North America	Pacific Coast

SSWG5.c	Analyze the impact of the topography and climate on population distribution in the regions.	Asia	Asian Islands
		Africa	East Africa
		Asia	Southeast Asia
		Asia	Former Soviet Union
		North America	Pacific Coast
SSWG5.d	Describe the various ethnic and religious groups in the region and the effect of geography on their development and their major customs and traditions.	Asia	Former Soviet Union
		Asia	Asian Islands
		Asia	Southeast Asia
SSWG5.e	Analyze the impact of population growth in the region on both the region and on other regions of the world; include China, India, and Japan.	North America	Pacific Coast
		Asia	Far East
SSWG5.f	Explain the division of the Indian subcontinent into India and Pakistan and the eventual creation of Bangladesh.	Asia	Southeast Asia
SSWG5.g	Describe the Pacific Rim and its cultural, political, and economic significance.	Asia	Asian Islands
SSWG6	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary Europe.		
SSWG6.a	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on Europe.	Europe	United Kingdom
		Europe	Eastern Europe
		Europe	Central Europe
SSWG6.b	Describe the major climates of Europe and how they have affected Europe.	Europe	United Kingdom
		Europe	Eastern Europe
		Europe	Central Europe

SSWG6.c	Analyze the importance of Europe's coastal location, climatic characteristics, and river systems regarding population, economic development, and world influence.	Europe	Eastern Europe
		Europe	Central Europe
		Europe	United Kingdom
SSWG6.d	Describe the various ethnic and religious groups in Europe and the influence of geography on those groups and their major customs and traditions.	Europe	United Kingdom
		Europe	Eastern Europe
		Europe	Central Europe
SSWG6.e	Explain why Europe has a highly integrated network of highways, waterways, railroads, and airline linkages.	Europe	Central Europe
SSWG6.f	Analyze the impact of geography on Russia in terms of population distribution, trade, and involvement in European affairs.	Europe	Eastern Europe
SSWG6.g	Analyze the environmental issues associated with industrial and natural resource development in Europe, including Russia.	Europe	United Kingdom
SSWG7	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary Latin America.		
SSWG7.a	Explain why the region is known as Latin America; include cultural reasons.	Central America	
SSWG7.b	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on Latin America.	Central America	
SSWG7.c	Describe the major climates of Latin America and how they have affected Latin America.	Central America	
SSWG7.d	Explain how geographic features and climatic patterns affect population distribution.	Central America	
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SSWG7.e	Analyze the impact of natural disasters and political instability on economic activity in Latin America.	Central America	

SSWG7.f	Describe the various ethnic and religious groups in Latin America; include South America, Central America and the Caribbean, as well as major customs and traditions.	Central America	
SSWG7.g	Analyze the impact of deforestation on Latin America and explain actions being taken.	Central America	
SSWG7.h	Explain how Latin American countries such as Brazil are developing their resources to compete in the global market and to improve industrial productivity.	South America	Brazil
SSWG7.i	Analyze the impact illegal drug production and trade have on Latin America.	Central America	
SSWG8	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary Canada and the United States.		
SSWG8.a	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on Canada and the United States.	North America	Canada
		North America	Mountain West
SSWG8.b	Describe the major climates of Canada and the United States and how they affect Canada and the United States.	North America	Canada
SSWG8.c	Explain the reasons for the population distribution in Canada and the United States.	North America	Canada
SSWG8.d	Explain how the physical geography of Canada and the United States contributed to regional growth and development.	North America	Mountain West
		North America	Canada
SSWG8.e	Describe the ethnic and religious groups in Canada and the United States; include major customs and traditions.	North America	

SSWG8.f	Analyze how transportation and communications improvements led to the growth of industry in the United States and the consequences of such growth, especially environmentally, for both Canada and the United States.	North America	Canada
SSWG9	The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary Oceania, including Australia, New Zealand, and Antarctica.		
SSWG9.a	Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on the region.	Oceania	Australia
		Oceania	Pacific Islands
		Oceania	New Zealand
SSWG9.b	Describe the major climates and their impact on the region.	Oceania	New Zealand
		Oceania	Australia
		Oceania	Pacific Islands
SSWG9.c	Analyze the impact isolation has had on the cultural and biological development of the region.	Oceania	New Zealand
		Oceania	Australia
		Oceania	Pacific Islands
SSWG9.d	Describe the various ethnic and religious groups; include major customs and traditions.	Oceania	Australia
		Oceania	Pacific Islands
		Oceania	New Zealand
SSWG9.e	Explain how the migration of diverse ethnic groups and available natural resources have affected the economic and political development.	Oceania	Australia
SSWG9.f	Explain why it was necessary for world governments involved in the exploration of Antarctica to develop and sign the Antarctic Treaty of 1961.	Antarctica	Antarctica