



Alignment Document
State of Oregon and Aventa Learning Geography

Geography
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Strand	Common Curriculum Goal	Content Standard	Standard	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Define and clarify an issue so that its dimensions are well understood.	Identify, research, and clarify an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon of significance to society.	SS.CM.SA.01 Define, research, and explain an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon and its significance to society.		
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Acquire and organize materials from primary and secondary sources.	Gather, use, and evaluate researched information to support analysis and conclusions.	SS.CM.SA.02 Gather, analyze, use, and document information from various sources, distinguishing facts, opinions, inferences, biases, stereotypes, and persuasive appeals.		
			SS.CM.SA.03 Understand what it means to be a critical consumer of information.		
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Explain various perspectives on an event or issue and the reasoning behind them.	Understand an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon from multiple perspectives.	SS.CM.SA.04 Analyze an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon from varied or opposed perspectives or points of view.		
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Identify and analyze an issue.	Identify and analyze characteristics, causes, and consequences of an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon.	SS.CM.SA.05 Analyze an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon, identifying characteristics, influences, causes, and both short- and long-term effects.		



SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Select a course of action to resolve an issue.	Identify, compare, and evaluate outcomes, responses, or solutions, then reach a supported conclusion.	SS.CM.SA.06 Propose, compare, and judge multiple responses, alternatives, or solutions, then reach a defensible, supported conclusion.		
SS.CM.GE Geography	Understand the spatial concepts of location, distance, direction, scale, movement, and region.	Understand and use spatial concepts of geography.	SS.CM.GE.01 Understand and use geographic information using a variety of scales, patterns of distribution, and arrangement.		
			SS.CM.GE.01.01 Understand the advantages and disadvantages of using various geographic representations to depict and solve geographic problems.	Central America Origins and Evolutions	Caribbean Evolution
SS.CM.GE Geography	Use maps and other geographic tools and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.	Locate places and understand and use geographic information or relationships by reading, interpreting, and preparing maps and other geographic representations.	SS.CM.GE.02 Interpret and evaluate information using complex geographic representations.	North America	Pacific Coast
			SS.CM.GE.02.01 Use a variety of geographic representations to analyze information and draw conclusions about geographic issues.	North America Central America Origins and Evolutions Africa Asia Asia Asia	South Caribbean Evolution North Africa Middle East Far East Southeast Asia



SS.CM.GE Geography	Locate major physical and human (cultural) features of the Earth.	Locate major physical and human features of the Earth.	SS.CM.GE.03 Locate and identify places, regions, and geographic features that have played prominent roles in historical or contemporary issues and events.	Central America & Caribbean Central America & Caribbean Africa Asia Oceania	Mexico Central American Countries North Africa Southeast Asia Australia
			SS.CM.GE.03.01 Locate, identify and explain changes in countries over time	Central America & Caribbean Central America & Caribbean Central America & Caribbean Europe Africa Oceania	Mexico Caribbean Central American Countries Benelux and Scandinavia North Africa Australia
			SS.CM.GE.03.02 Locate and identify places and regions most prominent in contemporary events in Oregon, the United States, and the world.	Africa Europe Central America & Caribbean	West Africa Mediterranean and Balkans Mexico



SS.CM.GE Geography	Compare and analyze physical (e.g., landforms, vegetation, wildlife, climate, and natural hazards) and human (e.g., population, land use, language, and religion) characteristics of places and regions.	Identify and analyze physical and human characteristics of places and regions, the processes that have shaped them, and their geographic significance.	SS.CM.GE.04 Analyze changes in the physical and human characteristics of places and regions, and the effects of technology, migration, and urbanization on them.	North America Central America & Caribbean Central America & Caribbean Asia	Mountain West Mexico Caribbean Asian Islands
			SS.CM.GE.04.01 Apply geographic tools to identify change in a place over time, and to infer reasons for the change.		
SS.CM.GE Geography	Understand why places and regions are important to human identity and serve as symbols to unify or fragment society.	At this time there are no Standards associated with this CCG			
SS.CM.GE Geography	Analyze the causes of human migration (e.g., density, food and water supply, transportation and communication systems) and its effects (e.g., impact on physical and human systems).	Understand the distribution and movement of people, ideas, and products.	SS.CM.GE.05 Understand how worldwide transportation and communication patterns have affected the flow and interactions of people, ideas, and products.		
			SS.CM.GE.05.01 Understand how transportation and communication systems of the present compare to those of the past, and how this changes perceptions of space and time.		
			SS.CM.GE.05.02 Understand how communication and transportation technologies contribute to trade and cultural convergence.		



SS.CM.GE Geography	Understand economic, cultural, and environmental factors that influence changes in population and evaluate the consequences of the resulting increases or decreases in population.	Understand, analyze and evaluate the consequences of population changes resulting from economic, cultural, or environmental factors.	SS.CM.GE.06 Analyze and evaluate the impact of economic, cultural or environmental factors that result in changes to population of cities, countries, or regions.	North America	Pacific Coast
				North America	Northeast
				Central America & Caribbean	Mexico
				Central America & Caribbean:	Caribbean
				Europe	Western Europe
				Europe	Benelux and Scandinavia
				Africa	Central Africa
				Africa	East Africa
				Asia	Former Soviet Union
				Asia	Southeast Asia
				Asia	Asian Islands
				Oceania	Australia
			SS.CM.GE.06.01 Evaluate the consequences of economic, cultural, or environmental changes on a given population.	Central America & Caribbean	Mexico
				Central America & Caribbean	Caribbean



				South America	Brazil
				Africa	East Africa
				Asia	Former Soviet Union
				Asia	Southeast Asia
				Asia	Asian Islands
				Oceania	Australia
				Oceania	Pacific Islands
SS.CM.GE Geography	Understand how people and the environment are interrelated.	Understand how humans affect the physical environment.	SS.CM.GE.07 Understand human modifications of the physical environment and analyze their global impacts and consequences for human activity.	Central America & Caribbean	Mexico
				Central America & Caribbean	Central American Countries
				South America	Brazil
				Antarctica	Antarctica
			SS.CM.GE.07.01 Distinguish between renewable resources and non-renewable resources and the global consequences of mismanagement.	South America	Brazil
				Antarctica	Antarctica
			SS.CM.GE.07.02 Identify and understand different methods of extracting and using resources, and analyze and compare the affect on the environment.	Central America & Caribbean	Mexico
				South America	Brazil
				Antarctica	Antarctica



		Understand how physical characteristics in the environment and changes in the environment affect human activities.	SS.CM.GE.08 Identify and give examples of changes in a physical environment, and evaluate their impact on human activity in the environment.	North America North America Antarctica Africa Africa Asia	Mountain West South Antarctica Central Africa East Africa Southeast Asia
			SS.CM.GE.08.01 Identify and give examples of changes in human activity due to changes in the physical environment, and analyze the impact on both.	Antarctica Africa Asia	Antarctica East Africa Southeast Asia
SS.CM.GE Geography	Understand how differing points of view, self-interest, and global distribution of natural resources play a role in conflict over territory.	At this time there are no Standards associated with this CCG			
SS.CM.GE Geography	Understand the geographic results of resource use and management programs and policies.	At this time there are no Standards associated with this CCG			