

# Geography (Social Studies)

Required – Semester – 10

Prerequisites: None

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## Course Description

This course provides a factual knowledge of geography of North and South America. The course begins with an examination of the nature of geography. The student will examine the physical, political, and economic life of the countries of Latin America, Central and Southwest Asia, and Africa. The student will be led to develop an appreciation of the glorious creation of God in which he lives and how sin has tainted that creation.

## Course Goals

The Christian teacher will:

1. Provide an overview of scriptural truths as they apply to geography
2. Develop a student's geographical vocabulary.
3. Teach the fundamental themes of geography.

## Course Objectives

The student should be able to:

1. Understand scriptural truths about geography.
2. Analyze information on world issues.
3. Identify landforms
4. Use the tools of geography
5. Increase their appreciation and understanding of the world community in which they live

## Course Outline

- I. Geography from a Biblical Perspective
- II. Physical and Human Geography
- III. Latin America
- IV. Central and Southeast Asia
- V. Africa

### Unit Outline

#### Unit 1 Geography from a Biblical Perspective

Creation  
Flood  
Resources  
Environment  
Geo-political considerations  
Temporal condition

#### Unit 2 Physical and Human Geography

Exploring Geography  
Climates and Ecosystems  
Population and Culture  
Resources and Land Use

#### Unit 3 Latin America

Regional Atlas  
Mexico  
Central America and the Caribbean  
Brazil  
Countries of South America

#### Unit 4 Central and Southwest Asia

Regional Atlas  
Caucasus and Central Asia  
Countries of Southwest Asia

Unit 5 Africa  
Regional Atlas  
North Africa  
West and Central Africa  
East and Southern Africa

**Instructional Strategies**

1. Discussion of text
2. Lecture
3. Notebook for notes
4. Quizzes
5. Chapter Tests
6. Various map skills and assessments
7. Group discussion and presentations

**Grading**

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| 1. Daily Work & Notes | 15% |
| 2. Quizzes            | 15% |
| 3. Tests              | 25% |
| 4. Semester Exam      | 20% |
| 5. Projects           | 25% |

Rubrics or guidelines will be given to students for projects so that what is expected is clearly stated. Homework, tests, and quizzes will be graded on strict percentage. The following grading scale will be used:

A+.....100-99%	B+.....92-90%	C+.....83-81%	D+.....73-71%
A.....98-96%	B.....89-87%	C.....79-77%	D.....70-68%
A-.....95-93%	B-.....86-84%	C-.....76-74%	D-.....66-64%

**Student Materials**

World Geography, 3-ring binder with dividers

**Classroom Procedures**

Routines – Work submitted after the assigned due date will receive reduced credit.  
Tardies – Students should be in their seats when the bell rings so as not to receive a tardy  
Make-up Work – Students are to see the teacher for any missed work and make it up in a timely manner per the absence.  
Behavior – Conduct is to be consistent with our Christian faith.