

## Curriculum Map: Geography 2020-2021

Course: GEOGRAPHY Sub-topic: Geography

Grade(s): 7 to 8

**Course Description:** The course objectives are centered on the importance of World Geography. Knowledge about our ever-changing world is necessary to be an informed, involved citizen who understands cultural differences, global concerns, the environment and the world around them.

**Course Textbooks, Workbooks, Materials Citations:** World Geography, Building a Global Perspective – in-class text

### Unit: Physical and Human Geography

Timeline: Week 1 to 4

**Unit Description:** This unit covers the basics in the study of Geography.

**Unit Essential Questions:** How do human actions to control freedom and liberty reflect in geography around the world?

**Unit Big Ideas:** Geographic tools are constructs of man to represent time, space and place.

The phenomena of the earth, its physical features, places, and resources, have been and will be an influence on freedom and liberty.

Geographic features influence human activities in exercising freedom and liberty.

People will use physical features, natural resources, and locations to influence their freedom and liberty.

**Unit Materials:** IXL

Newsela

Kami

Glogster

Sutori

Online mapping software

**Unit Assignments:** Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)

Atlas Project (year long project)

IXL - latitude & longitude activities

Newsela - World Geography articles

5 Themes of Geography Project

Weather & Climate activity

Biome Activity Packet

Political & Economic Systems demonstration

Census Activities

**Unit Key Terminology & Definitions :** Cartography  
Freedom  
GIS - Geographic Information Systems  
Globes  
Liberty  
Location  
Maps and their Elements

**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.
- [7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.
- [7.2.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain the characteristics of places and regions.
- [7.2.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.
- [7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:
- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities

(\* standards consolidated from Topic level)

**Topic: Geography Introduction**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.
- [7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.
- [7.2.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.

**Topic: The Earth**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.2.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.

**Topic: Cultural Aspects of World Geography**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.
- [7.2.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain the characteristics of places and regions.

**Topic: Government and Economies of the World**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:
- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities

**Unit: The Americas**

Timeline: Week 5 to 9

**Unit Description:** This unit covers the basics in the Americas.

**Unit Essential Questions:** How do human actions to control freedom and liberty reflect in geography around the world?

How does the pursuit of liberty and freedom alter people, physical features, resources or places of the earth?

<b>Unit Big Ideas:</b>	Geographic tools are constructs of man to represent time, space and place.
	The phenomena of the earth, its physical features, places and resources, have been and will be an influence on freedom and liberty.
	Geographic features influence human activities in exercising freedom and liberty.
	People will use physical features, natural resources, and locations to influence their freedom and liberty.

**Unit Materials:** IXL

Newsela

Kami

Glogster

Sutori

Online mapping software

**Unit Assignments:** Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)

Atlas Project (year long project)

IXL - The Americas

Newsela -Western Hemisphere articles

North American Scavenger Hunt

Great American Road Trip (cross-curricular)

Stateopoly

**Unit Key Terminology & Definitions :** Physical features  
Resources

**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.

**Topic: States & Capitals**

Minutes for Topic: 300

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

[7.2.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain the characteristics of places and regions.

**Topic: Canada**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.4.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of the physical systems on people within regions.

[7.4.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of people on the physical systems within regions.

**Topic: Mexico, Latin, & South America**

Minutes for Topic: 400

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:

- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities

[7.4.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of people on the physical systems within regions.

**Unit: Europe**

Timeline: Week 10 to 13

**Unit**

**Description:** This unit covers the basics in the study of Europe.

**Unit Essential Questions:**

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How do human actions to control freedom and liberty reflect in geography around the world?
How does the pursuit of liberty and freedom alter people, physical features, resources or places of the earth?

**Unit Big Ideas:**

Geographic tools are constructs of man to represent time, space and place.

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Geographic features influence human activities in exercising freedom and liberty.
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**Unit Materials:** IXL

Newsela

Kami

Glogster

Sutori

Online Mapping Software

Breakout.edu

**Unit Assignments:** Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)

Atlas Project (year long project)

IXL - Countries

Newsela - Countries of Europe Text Set

European Travel/Poster/Brochure Project

Europe Scavenger Hunt

Online Escape Rooms

Europe v. America - statistical comparison

**Unit Key Terminology & Definitions :** Demographic  
Ethnicity  
Mobility  
Region  
Spatial distribution

**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.

**Topic: Western Europe**

Minutes for Topic: 400

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

[7.2.7.B \(Advanced\)](#)  
[7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#)

Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.  
Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:

- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities

**Topic: Eastern Europe**

Minutes for Topic: 300

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.  
[7.2.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.

**Topic: Russia**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.  
[7.2.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.

**Unit: Africa**

Timeline: Week 14 to 18

**Unit**

**Description:** This unit covers the basics in the study of Africa.

**Unit Essential Questions:**

How are the tools of geography used to represent time, space and place?
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How does the pursuit of liberty and freedom alter people, physical features, resources or places of the earth?

**Unit Big Ideas:**

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**Unit Materials:** IXL

Newsela

Kami  
Glogster  
Sutori  
Online Mapping Software  
Breakout.edu

**Unit Assignments:** Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)  
Atlas Project (year long project)  
IXL - Regions of Africa  
Newsela - Regional Africa Text Set  
Regional comparison & analysis activity  
Africa writing activity

**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.

**Topic: South Africa**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: West Africa**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: East Africa**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: Central Africa**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: North Africa**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#)

Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Unit: South West Asia: Middle East**

Timeline: Week 19 to 23

**Unit**

**Description:** This unit covers the basics in the study of the Middle East

**Unit Essential Questions:**

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How does the pursuit of liberty and freedom alter people, physical features, resources or places of the earth?

**Unit Big Ideas:**

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**Unit Materials:** IXL

Newsela

Kami

Glogster

Sutori

Online Mapping software

Breakout.edu

**Unit Assignments:**

Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)

Atlas Project (year long project)

IXL - religions of the world

Newsela - religions of the world

Religion comparison/conflict



**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.2.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain the characteristics of places and regions.

[7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:

- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities

[7.4.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of the physical systems on people within regions.

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**Topic: Countries in Conflict**

Minutes for Topic: 400

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.2.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain the characteristics of places and regions.

**Topic: Religion and the World**

Minutes for Topic: 300

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:

- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities

[7.4.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of the physical systems on people within regions.

**Unit: Asia**

Timeline: Week 24 to 29

**Unit**

**Description:** This unit covers the basics in the study of Asia.

**Unit Essential Questions:**

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**Unit Big Ideas:**

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freedom and liberty.
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**Unit Materials:** IXL

- Newsela
- Kami
- Glogster
- Sutori
- Online Mapping Software
- Breakout.edu

**Unit Assignments:** Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)

- Atlas Project (year long project)
- IXL - Asian country comprehension
- Newsela - Asian country text set
- Asian Country Project Guide
- Country in a bag activity
- Escape Rooms - customizable

**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.

**Topic: Central Asia**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: China & East Asia**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: South Asia**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Topic: Southeast Asia**

Minutes for Topic: 200

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

[7.1.7.B \(Advanced\)](#)

Explain and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

**Unit: World Cultures**

Timeline: Week 30 to 35

**Unit**

This unit serves as the comparison of all the areas studied throughout the year. Looking at continuities and changes as well as similarities and differences. This unit covers the basics in the cultures of areas of the world.

**Description:**

**Unit Essential Questions:**

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**Unit Materials:** IXL

Newsela

Kami

Glogster

Sutori

Online Mapping Software

Breakout.edu

Google Slides/Classroom

**Unit**

Unit vocabulary (year long assignment)

**Assignments:**

Atlas Project (year long project)

IXL

Newsela articles

Countries of the World Map Project

Creation of a worldwide - review - Amazing Race project

**Unit Key** Dependent  
**Terminology & Definitions :** Interaction  
 Physical environment  
 Spatial patterns

**STANDARDS: STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.
- [7.3.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria:
- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities
- [7.4.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of the physical systems on people within regions.
- [7.4.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of people on the physical systems within regions.

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**Topic: World Map**

Minutes for Topic: 100

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.
- [7.4.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of the physical systems on people within regions.
- [7.4.7.B \(Advanced\)](#) Describe and explain the effects of people on the physical systems within regions.

**Topic: Amazing Race**

Minutes for Topic: 400

**STANDARDS**

STATE: Pennsylvania SAS Academic Standards (2009-2013)

- [7.1.7.A \(Advanced\)](#) Explain how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.
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- Population • Culture • Settlement • Economic activities • Political activities