

**Star Valley Middle School
7th Grade World Geography**

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Course Description

Geography is the study of the earth in all of its variety. When you study geography, you learn about the earth's land, water, and plant and animal life. You especially look at places people have created and try to understand how and why they are different. Geographers study the earth as the home of people. Five geographic themes - location, place, human/environment interaction, movement, and region - are used to help you think like a geographer.

Domain Standards

Citizenship/Government/Democracy
Culture/Cultural Diversity
Production, Distribution, and Consumption
Time, Continuity, and Change
People, Places, and Environments

World Geography Standards

- 7.1. Citizenship/ Government/ Democracy:** Students demonstrate how structures of power, authority, and governance have developed historically and continue to evolve.
- 7.2. Culture/ Cultural Diversity:** Students demonstrate an understanding of different cultures and how these cultures have contributed and continue to contribute to the world in which they live.
- 7.3. Production, Distribution, and Consumption:** Students demonstrate an understanding of economic principles and concepts and describe the influence of economic factors on societies.
- 7.4. Time, Continuity, and Change:** Students demonstrate an understanding of the people, events, problems, ideas, and cultures that were significant in the history of our community, state, nation and world.
- 7.5. People, Places, and Environments:** Students demonstrate an understanding of interrelationships among people, places, and environments.

Performance Standard

7th grade students at the proficient performance level identify and explain the connections between the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship. Students describe and explain issues involved in the development of the U.S. Constitution. Students apply the basic principles of good government to a real-life scenario. Students describe the basic principles of the Wyoming Constitution.

7th grade students performing a proficient performance level accurately identify the patterns of behavior that reflect values and attitudes within a given culture and provide a comparison with another culture. Students determine how cultures develop and interact with one another.

7th grade students performing a proficient performance level describe various economic systems. Students provide samples of economic decisions at the personal, local, state, national, and international level. Given examples, students compare how various economic systems affect individuals and their choices.

7th grade students performing a proficient performance level summarize the relationships between people, events, problems, conflicts, and ideas, and their historical significance and parallels to present-day conditions, situations, and circumstances. Students review and discuss current events and trends to establish patterns of behavior.

7th grade students at the proficient performance level apply the five themes of geography to a variety of topics. Students use appropriate charts, maps, or graphs to answer questions dealing with people, places, events, or environments. Students use precise mental maps to describe and process spatial information.

Units of Study

Unit	Standards	Benchmarks	Assessments
Unit 1: Geography of the World	7.1,7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5,7.6,7.7	7.1.1 7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events VFW Essay AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 2: The United States & Canada	7.1,7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.1.1 7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment

Unit 3: Latin America	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 4: Europe	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 5: Russia & the Independent Republics	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 6: Southwest Asia & North Africa	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 7: Africa South of the Sahara	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 8: Asia	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment
Unit 9: Australia, Oceania, & Antarctica	7.2,7.3,7.4,7.5	7.2.1,2 7.3.1,2,3 7.4.1,2,3 7.5.1,2,3	Current Events AR Book Map Tests Chapter Tests Unit Tests District Assessment

**SVMS SEVENTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
STANDARDS/BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT MAP**

MAP KEY		World Geography				
Unit	BM	Citizenship	Culture	Production	Time	People
Unit 1: Geography of the World	1	X	X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
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Unit 2: The United States & Canada	1	X	X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 3: Latin America	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 4: Europe	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 5: Russia & the Independent Republics	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 6: Southwest Asia & North Africa	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 7: Africa South of the Sahara	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 8: Asia	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					
Unit 9: Australia, Oceania, & Antarctica	1		X	X	X	X
	2		X	X	X	X
	3			X	X	X
	4					

Course Materials and Resources

Textbook: Geography The World and Its People (Glencoe), 2 College Ruled Notebooks or equal amount of Notebook Paper (approx. 200 sheets), Folder or Binder to Keep Important Papers, 500 sheets of White, Blank, 8 1/2 X 11 Multipurpose/Printer/Copy Paper, Pens and #2 Pencils (#2 Pencils are required for testing), Colored Pencils (12 colors), Planner (Provided by SVMS), School Website: <http://www.svjhs.lcsd2.org>.

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