




GRADE 9 SOCIAL STUDIES –WORLD GEOGRAPHY



Unit 8: South Asia

Time: A/B Block Format: 8 teaching days

Universal Generalizations	Unit Understandings 	Student-Friendly TEKS	Topics/Content	Unit Questions
Nature has a significant impact on people's lives.	Physical forces and geographic phenomenon have a significant impact on human activities in South Asia. Concepts: deserts monsoons typhoons great river systems earthquakes tsunamis natural resources physical forces	I can use a map to locate, identify, and explain where and how people live in South Asia. (WG11A) Using different sources of information, I can analyze how South Asia's natural features and climates affect where and how people live. (WG1A, WG3B, WG4A, WG8C, WG8D, WG11B)	Natural Forces in the Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droughts/flooding • Cyclones • Tsunamis • Earthquakes The Impact on Humans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of settlement • Population distribution • Economic activities • Overcrowding vocabulary: monsoons subcontinent archipelago typhoon	How does climate and location of river systems affect the lifestyles of the people in South Asia?
The past has a significant impact on the present.	Ancient cultures, religions, and traditions have shaped the societies of South Asia. Concepts: religion Hinduism, Buddhism Islam, Sects of: Pakistan and Afghanistan Extremism Taliban Cold War/Communism	I can describe and compare how ancient cultures, religions and traditions of South Asia have shaped the societies of today. (WG5A, WG17A, WG18A)	Religion and Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Religions • Religion's Impact on Cultures vocabulary: Hinduism Buddhism Islam sphere of influence empire dynasty caste system People of Importance: Mohandas Gandhi	What religions are found in South Asia today and what impacts do they have on modern society? Describe those religions and their similarities/differences.
The past has a significant impact on the present.	Imperialism from outside the regions affected South Asia. Concepts: imperialism	Using different sources of information, I can evaluate the effects of Imperialism on the politics, economies, and cultures of South Asia. (WG8D, WG18A, WG18D)	The Legacy of Imperialism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imperialism • Independence and Resistance 	How have outside forces affected the identity of South Asia? What places in South Asia

	nonviolent resistance land reform		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural convergence and divergence <p>vocabulary: raj nonviolent resistance subsistence farming constitutional monarchies Kashmir Tamils/Sinhalese</p>	experience conflict today and why?
Strong traditions are difficult to change.	South Asia has faced the problem of overpopulation with varying degrees of success. Concepts: overpopulation overcrowding	I can use different sources of information to describe and analyze South Asia's response to population growth trends. (WG7A)	<p>Population Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overpopulation and its Causes Solutions <p>vocabulary: population pyramids megalopolis famine</p>	What historical influences have led to overcrowding in India and how is the government trying to solve the problem? Bangladesh?
There are different ways to accomplish a task.	The economies of South Asia vary from the traditional to the highly developed. Concepts: global interdependence economic system labor laws	I can compare and analyze the different economic systems in South Asia. (WG10A, WG10B, WG10C)	<p>The Economies of South Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional economies Command economies Market economies Subsistence agriculture vs. market oriented agriculture Cottage industries vs. market oriented industries <p>vocabulary: sweat shops communism capitalism global economy outsourcing</p>	How are the traditional economies and modern technology affected South Asia today? How has outsourcing affected India?
PRE-AP THEMATIC FOCUS: DEVELOPMENT			GNP, GDP, per capita GNI, formal economy, informal economy, Walt Rostow's modernization model/ladder of development, structuralist theory, dependency theory, world systems theory, barriers to economic development(low levels of social welfare, foreign debt,	How do you define and measure development? How does geography affect development? What are the barriers to and the costs of development?

			political instability, disease), costs of economic development(industrialization, agriculture, tourism), ways government policies affect development, islands of development	Why do countries experience uneven development within the states?
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 GRADE 9 SOCIAL STUDIES –WORLD GEOGRAPHY				
Unit 9:		East Asia and the Pacific Rim		
Time:		A/B Block Format: 14 teaching days		
Universal Generalizations	Unit Understandings 	Student-Friendly TEKS	Topics/Content	Unit Questions
The past has a significant impact on the present.	Colonialism had a major impact on the native peoples of Southeast Asia, the Pacific Rim, Australia, and Oceania. concepts: colonialism	Using different sources of information, I can explain how imperialism in Southeast Asia , The Pacific Rim, and Australia continues to affect its people and cultures today. (WG1A, WG8D, WG18A) I can explain how European colonialism affected the boundaries of nations in Southeast Asia. (WG14B)	Imperialism and its Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European and Homegrown Imperialism Wars of conquest and Ideology The Legacy vocabulary: exploitation self rule Aboriginal people penal colony assimilation	What resources in this region did the Europeans wish to control at one point? How did East Asian society/culture affect the world?
People make a living in many different ways.	While many nations in the region have highly developed economies and large cities, others are still poor and have traditional economies. concepts: economic system industrialization	I can compare the ways people in different societies make a living. (WG10C) I can look at data to determine whether a country is rich or poor. (WG5B, WG21A) I can compare and analyze the different economic systems in Southeast Asia ands Australia. (WG10A, WG10B, WG10C)	Economic Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Command Examples Market Examples Tradition Examples Developed and Developing vocabulary: industrialization command market tradition	What factors both encourage and discourage economic development? What nations in this region have experienced economic success in recent years? Why?
Both governments and nature	The Impact of Government	I can compare the ways people live	Natural Forces in the	Describe life in North

<p>can have a significant impact on people's lives.</p>	<p>structures, natural forces and distribution of people and resources can greatly affect societies in East Asia and the Pacific Rim</p> <p>concepts: Dynastic Government Spheres of Influence Confucianism Taoism Buddhism partition</p>	<p>under communism with people who live in free societies. (WG10C)</p>	<p>Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droughts/flooding • Cyclones/Tsunamis • Earthquakes <p>The Impact on Humans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Patterns of settlement</i> • <i>Government Structure</i> • <i>Population distribution</i> • <i>Economic activities</i> • <i>Overcrowding</i> <p>vocabulary: monsoons subcontinent archipelago typhoon Three Gorges Dam One-child only policy People of Importance: Mao Zedong, Chiang Kai-Shek, Hu Jintao, Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il, Hirohito</p>	<p>Korea under communist rule.</p> <p>How has the one-child policy affected China's population and society?</p> <p>What natural disasters are common to this region? What preparations have been made for those catastrophes?</p>
<p>Technology and environment greatly impact the environment.</p>	<p>Advanced technology is greatly affecting modern society with regard to distribution of wealth and is also conflicting with the preservation of ecosystems and ancient cultures.</p> <p>concepts: growth of technology ancient cultures tribalism global warming polar ice caps environmentalism</p>	<p>I can recognize the impact of population growth and technology on the environment. (WG10A, WG10B, WG10C)</p>	<p>Physical Characteristics of South East Asia, the Pacific Rim and Oceania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archipelago • Atoll • Geyser • Lagoon <p>Vocabulary: Outback Trust territory Protectorate Ice shelf Pack ice</p>	<p>Discuss ways modern technology is encroaching on the environment.</p>
<p>PRE-AP THEMATIC FOCUS: GLOBALIZATION</p>			<p>Globalization, networks, time-space compression, networks and the globalized world (development, media, retail corporations), changes of identity</p>	<p>What is globalization and what role do networks play in globalization?</p> <p>At what scales do networks operate in the globalized world?</p> <p>How have identities changed in a globalized world?</p>