

### Course Description:

This course explores the geography, history, religion, and customs of cultures around the world. You will study major religions like Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Next, is the geographical, social, economic, and political factors that influence Southwest Asia, North Africa, and Africa South of the Sahara and their interaction with the world. South Asia, East and Southeast Asia, Oceania and Antarctica are also explored both regionally and globally. Your final grades are based on your ability to show what you have learned through a variety of assessment types: workbook questions, discussion boards, checkpoints, a final exam, and a multi-step project.

### Course Objectives:

- Analyze cultural changes in specific regions caused by migration, war, trade, innovations, and diffusion.
- Analyze how the character of a place is related to its political, economic, social, and cultural elements.
- Analyze political reasons that lead to the formation of boundaries.
- Analyze regional issues in different parts of the world that have critical economic, physical, or political ramifications.
- Connect current events to the physical and human characteristics of places and regions.
- Describe how the components of culture, including language, religion, beliefs, institutions, and technologies, shape the characteristics of regions.
- Explain how distinctive cultural landscapes influenced diffusion.
- Explain how physical characteristics of place (landforms, bodies of water, climate, natural resources) act as contributing factors to world settlement patterns.
- Explain the complexity of the earth's cultural mosaic.
- Identify physical and/or human factors that constitute a region.
- Interpret and analyze the validity of maps, images, graphs, tables, and textual sources.
- Synthesize sources to create an online research presentation.

### Required Materials:

In course.

### Course Overview:

#### Unit 1: Southwest Asia and North Africa

- Lesson 1: Iraq and Iran
- Lesson 2: Eastern Mediterranean
- Lesson 3: Arabian Peninsula
- Lesson 4: North Africa
- Lesson 5: Egypt

#### Unit 2: Africa South of the Sahara

- Lesson 6: African Geography

- Lesson 7: Eastern Africa
- Lesson 8: Western Africa
- Lesson 9: Central Africa
- Lesson 10: Southern Africa

### **Unit 3: Oceania and Antarctica**

- Lesson 11: Physical Geography of Oceania and Antarctica
- Lesson 12: Australia
- Lesson 13: New Zealand
- Lesson 14: Pacific Islands
- Lesson 15: Antarctica

### **Unit 4: South Asia**

- Lesson 16: Geography and Settlement of South Asia
- Lesson 17: India
- Lesson 18: Pakistan and Bangladesh
- Lesson 19: Nepal and Tibet
- Lesson 20: Islands of South Asia

### **Unit 5: East Asia**

- Lesson 21: China
- Lesson 22: Trade and Challenges in China
- Lesson 23: Japan
- Lesson 24: Challenges in Japan, Project Final Draft
- Lesson 25: Korean Peninsula

### **Unit 6: Southeast Asia**

- Lesson 26: Southeast Asia
- Lesson 27: Malaysia and Indonesia
- Lesson 28: The Philippines
- Lesson 29: Units 1-6 Review
- Lesson 30: Final Exam