

8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM
WORLD GEOGRAPHY

	Suggested Time Line <i>How much time will be spent of this learning?</i>	Essential Questions and Content <i>What will be taught? (broken down by chapter/section)</i>	NJCCC Standards <i>What state standards will be met by these objectives?</i>	Instructional Objectives <i>The students will be able to...</i>	Assessment <i>What evidence will I collect that demonstrates that the students have achieved the objective?</i>	Instructional Domain <i>How will the learning be structured</i>	Instructional Activities <i>What will the students do to achieve the objective?</i>
Unit 5- Africa	5 weeks						
Chapter 20		What role do the resources of Northern Africa play in its economy? How can history and culture shape a countries population?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and assess questions • Open ended questions • Critical thinking questions • Higher level thinking skills • Chapter Reviews • Standardized test practices • Group discussion • Written and oral tests and quizzes • Projects • Journal writing • Essay writing • Teacher observation • Homework • Self Assessment • Presentations • Rubrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated instruction • Flexible Grouping • Overhead • Graphic Organizers • Teacher modeling • Guided and independent reading • Guided and independent writing • Conferencing • Technology • Direct Instruction • Guided and independent research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Maps and Pictures • Focus on reading and writing • Bell Ringers and PODs • Main Idea Questions • Discussions • Cooperative Learning Activities • Word Wall Vocabulary • Structured Writing Prompts • Respond to Pictures • Persuasive Writing • Graphic Organizers • Critical Viewing and Listening • Research • Note taking • Research
		Section 1- Physical Geography	C5, E2	1. Identify the major physical features of North Africa 2. Describe the climate of North Africa			
		Section 2- History and Culture	A5, D5	1. Discuss the history of North Africa 2. Identify the influences on the culture of North Africa			
		Section 3- North Africa Today	B4, C5, D1, D2, D4, E2, E3, E5	1. Describe the people of Egypt's people 2. Describe the people and resources in the other countries of North Africa			
Chapter 21		How have colonization, slave trade, and traditions affected West Africa? What effects does political instability have on a nation's people and its economy?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and assess questions • Open ended questions • Critical thinking questions • Higher level thinking skills • Chapter Reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated instruction • Flexible Grouping • Overhead • Graphic Organizers • Teacher modeling • Guided and independent reading • Guided and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Maps and Pictures • Focus on reading and writing • Bell Ringers and PODs • Main Idea Questions • Discussions
		Section 1- Physical Geography	A8, C1, D8, E4	1. Identify West Africa's key physical features 2. Describe the climate and			

				vegetation zones of West Africa 3. Discuss the value of the resources of West Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized test practices • Group discussion • Written and oral tests and quizzes • Projects • Journal writing • Essay writing • Teacher observation • Homework • Self Assessment • Presentations • Rubrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independent writing • Conferencing • Technology • Direct Instruction • Guided and independent research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Learning Activities • Word Wall Vocabulary • Structured Writing Prompts • Respond to Pictures • Persuasive Writing • Graphic Organizers • Critical Viewing and Listening • Research • Note taking • Research
		Section 2- History and Culture	D2, D5, D6	1. Recall that in West Africa’s history, trade made great kingdoms rich, but this greatness declined as Europeans began to control trade routes. 2. Describe the culture of West Africa			
		Section 3- West Africa Today	A1, A5, A6, A11, B1, C5, D4, D8, E5	1. Recall that Nigeria has many different ethnic groups, an oil-based economy, and one of the world’s largest cities. 2. Discuss how most coastal countries of West Africa have struggling economies and weak or unstable governments. 3. Identify the main challenge to the Sahel countries’ economic development.			
Chapter 22		How has conflict affected the people and nations of East Africa?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and assess questions • Open ended questions • Critical thinking questions • Higher level thinking skills • Chapter Reviews • Standardized test practices • Group discussion • Written and oral tests and quizzes • Projects • Journal writing • Essay writing • Teacher observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated instruction • Flexible Grouping • Overhead • Graphic Organizers • Teacher modeling • Guided and independent reading • Guided and independent writing • Conferencing • Technology • Direct Instruction • Guided and independent research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Maps and Pictures • Focus on reading and writing • Bell Ringers and PODs • Main Idea Questions • Discussions • Cooperative Learning Activities • Word Wall Vocabulary • Structured Writing Prompts • Respond to Pictures • Persuasive Writing • Graphic Organizers
		Section 1- Physical Geography		1. Identify the physical features of East 2. Identify the climate of East Africa			
		Section 2- History and Culture		1. Recall that the history of East Africa is one of religion, trade, and European influence. 2. Describe the culture of East African			
		Section 3- East Africa Today	A7, A8, B1, B2, C1, C2, E4	1. Identify the major source of income for Tanzania and Kenya. 2. Recall that Rwanda and Burundi are densely populated rural countries			

				with a history of ethnic conflict. 3. Recall that both Sudan and Uganda have economies based on agriculture, but Sudan has suffered from years of war. 4. Recall that the countries of the Horn of Africa are among the poorest in the world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework • Self Assessment • Presentations • Rubrics 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Viewing and Listening • Research • Note taking • Research
Chapter 23		How have war, disease, and environment problems contributed to Central Africa's inability to develop a stable government and economy?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and assess questions • Open ended questions • Critical thinking questions • Higher level thinking skills • Chapter Reviews • Standardized test practices • Group discussion • Written and oral tests and quizzes • Projects • Journal writing • Essay writing • Teacher observation • Homework • Self Assessment • Presentations • Rubrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated instruction • Flexible Grouping • Overhead • Graphic Organizers • Teacher modeling • Guided and independent reading • Guided and independent writing • Conferencing • Technology • Direct Instruction • Guided and independent research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Maps and Pictures • Focus on reading and writing • Bell Ringers and PODs • Main Idea Questions • Discussions • Cooperative Learning Activities • Word Wall Vocabulary • Structured Writing Prompts • Respond to Pictures • Persuasive Writing • Graphic Organizers • Critical Viewing and Listening • Research • Note taking • Research
		Section 1- Physical Geography	A4, E5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the major physical features of Central Africa 2. Identify the climate of Central Africa 3. Describe the resources of Central Africa 			
		Section 2- History and Culture		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the influences on Central Africa. 2. Describe the culture of Central Africa 			
		Section 3- Central Africa Today	A1, A5, B6, E2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recall that the countries of Central Africa are mostly poor, and many are trying to recover from years of civil war. 2. Identify the factors that have slowed economic development in Central Africa. 			
Chapter 24		How has South Africa's physical geography affected the economy and resources?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and assess questions • Open ended questions • Critical thinking questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated instruction • Flexible Grouping • Overhead • Graphic Organizers • Teacher modeling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Maps and Pictures • Focus on reading and writing • Bell Ringers and PODs
		Section 1- Physical Geography	C1, E4, E5	1. Identify the main physical features of Southern Africa			

				<p>2. <i>Describe</i> the climate and vegetation of Southern Africa</p> <p>3. <i>Identify</i> the resources of Southern Africa.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher level thinking skills • Chapter Reviews • Standardized test practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided and independent reading • Guided and independent writing • Conferencing • Technology • Direct Instruction • Guided and independent research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Idea Questions • Discussions • Cooperative Learning Activities • Word Wall Vocabulary • Structured Writing Prompts • Respond to Pictures • Persuasive Writing • Graphic Organizers • Critical Viewing and Listening • Research • Note taking • Research
		Section 2- History and Culture		<p>1. <i>Describe</i> the history of Southern Africa</p> <p>2. <i>Describe</i> the cultures of Southern Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion • Written and oral tests and quizzes • Projects • Journal writing • Essay writing • Teacher observation • Homework • Self Assessment • Presentations • Rubrics 		
		Section 3- Southern Africa Today	A1, A5, A11, D7, E5	<p>1. <i>Describe</i> how South Africa ended apartheid and now has a stable government and strong economy.</p> <p>2. <i>Identify</i> the resources of some of the countries of Southern Africa</p> <p>3. <i>List</i> the challenges face the Southern African governments</p>			