

World Cultures

Grade 9



Geography

Standard 1: The student understands and identifies the major physical features and territorial divisions of this planet.

- 1.1 Locate and label the countries of Africa on a blank map
- 1.2 Locate and label the countries of Asia (excluding the former Soviet Union) on a blank map
- 1.3 Label the major geographic features and bodies of water of Africa
- 1.4 Label the major geographic features and bodies of water of Asia

Standard 2: The student understands the change in political geography (territorial division) necessitated by historical events and movements.

- 2.1 Explain the role of colonialism in the establishment of political boundaries in Africa and Asia
- 2.2 Explain the role of political and religious differences in the establishment of political boundaries in South Asia

Standard 3: The student understands the characteristics and uses of maps, globes, graphics and other geographic tools and technologies.

- 3.1 Identify the basic features of maps
- 3.2 Read and interpret maps, globes and graphics
- 3.3 Create maps, timelines, charts and other geographic tools and technologies

Standard 4: The student understands the reasons for the distribution and migration patterns of human populations.

- 4.1 Identify major population shifts, and reasons for the shifts
- 4.2 Explain conflicts and other cultural changes brought about by major population shifts

Standard 5: The student understands the importance of the environment's role in shaping human societies.

- 5.1 Explain how landforms and climate influence the cultures of Africa and Asia
- 5.2 Discuss the effects of geography on the history of Africa and Asia

Culture and Social Systems

Standard 7: The student understands and compares the principles and historical developments of the major religions in the world.

7.1 Identify and explain the belief systems of major religions of the world

7.2 Explain the historical development of major world religions

Standard 8: The student understands the values and characteristics of cultural systems.

8.1 Identify the differences and similarities of selected African and Asian cultures

8.2 Analyze a culture in order to identify the various elements which shape the culture's belief system

Standard 9: The student understands the role of interaction and interdependence of individuals, social groups and institutions on societal development.

9.1 Identify ancient cultures of Africa and Asia and their contributions to the modern developing world

9.2 Identify the important individuals, social groups and institutions in African and Asian cultures

9.3 Identify various current conflicts in Africa and Asia and recognize the elements of the opposing points of view

Political Systems and Governance

Standard 10: The student understands the principles, functions, structures and goals of various forms of government used historically and today.

10.1 Identify different types of governments and explain their differences

10.2 Describe the various forms of government in selected African and Asian countries used historically and today

Civic Responsibility

Standard 13: The student understands democratic principles.

13.1 Identify a democratic government and describe the principles upon which it is based

Economic Systems

Standard 14: The student understands the values and characteristics of traditional, market, command and mixed economic systems.

14.1 Define and list characteristics of traditional, market, command and mixed economies

14.2 Explain the how each type of economy contributes to economic development

14.3 Identify examples of traditional, market, command and mixed economies in selected African and Asian countries

Historical Periods and Trends

Standard 17: The student understands the major historical periods and trends.

17.1 Identify significant ancient cultures of Africa and Asia

17.2 Explain the role of colonialism in the history of selected African and Asian cultures

17.3 Explain the causes of nationalist and independence movements in selected African and Asian nations

Standard 20: The student understands major trends of the past, which shape the contemporary world.

20.2 Discuss the effect of significant ancient cultures on modern cultures and societies

20.2 Explain the effects of nationalist and independence movements in selected African and Asian nations