



# COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL

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## WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

### **Text:**

Thomas Baerwald and Celeste Fraser, World Geography: Building A Global Perspective, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, Pearson, 2009.

### **Prerequisites:**

Being to admitted to Covington Latin School for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

### **Course Description:**

World Regional Geography is a yearlong course for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade year that focuses on the distribution, processes, and effects of human populations on the planet. The course opens with an overview and introduction to Physical and Human Geography. Units of study include the following regions: the United States, Canada and Latin America, Africa, Central and Southwest Asia (Middle East), South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific World.

### **Course Goals:**

Units of study include an examination of population, migration, culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, economic development, industry, agriculture, and urban geography.

### **Course Objectives:**

To introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that has shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the Earth's surface.

To develop within students a world geographic perspective with which to view cultures, societies and their relationship to both history and current events.

### **Course Sequence:**

#### **A. 1st Quarter**

##### **Physical and Human Geography:**

- The Study of Geography
- Changes within the Earth
- Weather and Climate
- Ecosystems
- The Study of Human Geography
- Political and Economic Systems
- World Resources
- World Economic Activity

##### **The United States:**

- A Resource-Rich Nation
- A Nation of Cities

- Regions:
- The Northeast
- The South
- The Midwest
- The West

## **B. 2nd Quarter**

### Canada:

- Regions of Canada
- The Search for a National Identity
- Canada Today

### Latin America:

- Introduction to Latin America
- Geography of Mexico
- A Place of Three Cultures
- Central America
- The Caribbean Islands
- Brazil: The Land and its Regions
- Countries of South America:
- The Northern Tropics
- The Andean Countries
- The Southern Grassland Countries

## **Semester Exam**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

## **C. 3rd Quarter**

### Africa:

- Introduction to Africa
- North Africa:
- Egypt
- Libya and the Maghreb
- West and Central Africa:
- The Sahel
- The Coastal Countries
- Nigeria
- Central Africa
- East and Southern Africa:
- Kenya
- Other countries of East Africa
- Republic of South Africa
- Other countries of Southern Africa

### Central and Southwest Asia:

- Introduction to Central and Southwest Asia
- The Caucasus Nations
- The Central Asian Nations
- Creating the Modern Middle East
- Israel
- Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq
- Arabian Peninsula
- Turkey, Iran, Cyprus

### **D. 4th Quarter**

#### South Asia:

- Introduction to South Asia
- The Countries of South Asia
- Road to Independence
- India's People and Economy
- Other Countries of South Asia

#### East Asia and the Pacific World:

- Introduction to East Asia and the Pacific World
- The Emergence of Modern China
- Regions of China
- China's People and Culture
- China's neighbors
- Japan: The Land of The Rising Sun
- Japan's Economic Development
- The Koreas: A Divided Peninsula
- Historical Influences on Southeast Asia
- The Countries of Southeast Asia
- Australia
- New Zealand and the Pacific Islands
- Antarctica

### **Final Exam**

#### **Evaluation:**

Assessment will be accomplished through tests, quizzes, maps and other writing assignments

#### **Supplemental Materials:**

Readings and Maps will provided as needed