

Texas Ninth Grade Social Studies Guidelines Checklist

World Geography Studies

Strand 1: History

- ☐ Analyze how physical and human geographic factors have influenced major historical events and movements
- ☐ Trace the influence of major river valley civilizations on cultural regions
- ☐ Identify and analyze ways geography has influenced the development of countries and regions

Strand 2: Geography

- ☐ Create and interpret maps, including thematic and political maps
- ☐ Identify and locate major landforms, countries, and cities
- ☐ Explain the interaction between physical processes (e.g., climate, tectonics) and human activities
- ☐ Analyze how humans adapt to and modify their environment
- ☐ Describe patterns of population distribution, settlement, and migration
- ☐ Examine urbanization and how it affects environments and societies
- ☐ Compare ways cultures adapt to their environment based on geographic factors

Strand 3: Economics

- ☐ Describe the spatial distribution of economic activities
- ☐ Compare global trade patterns and economic systems (market, command, mixed)
- ☐ Examine the impact of geography on economic development
- ☐ Evaluate how resources and infrastructure influence economic activities and decisions

Strand 4: Government and Citizenship

- ☐ Identify and compare characteristics of various political systems
- ☐ Examine relationships between geography and political boundaries



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- ☐ Analyze the impact of borders, conflict, and cooperation among societies

Strand 5: Culture

- ☐ Identify and compare elements of culture (language, religion, customs, institutions)
- ☐ Analyze the spread of cultural traits and cultural diffusion
- ☐ Describe how cultural factors influence the character of places and regions
- ☐ Examine issues related to cultural convergence and divergence

Strand 6: Science, Technology, and Society

- ☐ Evaluate how advances in technology influence how people interact with the environment
- ☐ Analyze the impact of transportation and communication systems on global interactions

Strand 7: Social Studies Skills

- ☐ Use geographic tools like maps, globes, and GIS to analyze geographic issues
- ☐ Interpret graphs, charts, and visuals to draw conclusions
- ☐ Apply critical-thinking skills to organize and interpret social studies information
- ☐ Communicate and support written and oral arguments using evidence

