WORLD GEOGRAPHY INSTRUCTIONAL PACING GUIDE

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**FIRST NINE WEEKS**

**Introduction and Overview**
- 1 DAY

**Exploring Geography**
- The Study of Geography (The Five Themes)
- Changes within the Earth
- Changes on the Earth’s Surface
- 6 DAYS
  - “The Lorax” by Dr. Seuss (Human/Environment Interaction)
  - Commuter Trends Graph (census.gov)
  - Population Trends Graph (census.gov)
  - “Natural Phenomena: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Other Earth Movements” (discoveryeducation.com)
  - Grand Canyon Virtual Tour (www.nps.gov/grca/photomultimedia/virtualtour.htm)

**Climates and Ecosystems**
- Weather and Climate
- Ecosystems
- 5 DAYS
  - Weather Reports
  - Venn Diagram – Comparing Ecosystems
  - South Carolina Ecosystems (http://www.knowitall.org/sclife/)

**Population and Culture**
- The study of human geography
- Political and economic systems
- 6 DAYS
  - World Population Couter (http://www.ibiblio.org/lunarbin/worldpop)
  - Interview Someone from Another Culture
  - Current Events Study: Islamic Fundamentalism
  - Get a Pen Pal (http://www.studentsoftheworld.info/menu_penpals.php)
  - The CIA World Factbook (https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/)

**Resource and Land Use**
- World Resources
- World Economic Activity
- 4 DAYS
  - Current Events: Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill
  - “An Inconvenient Truth” dir. Davis Guggenheim (Film Study)
  - Role Playing: World Economic Activities

**SECOND NINE WEEKS**

**The United States and Canada**
- Physical and Human Geography
- The British Isles and Nordic Nations
- Central Western Europe
- Mediterranean Europe
- 9 DAYS
  - Create a physical map of the United States
  - “History of Transportation” Series (discoveryeducation.net)
  - Bureau of Economic Analysis (http://www.bea.gov/)
  - RESEARCH PROJECT: The Regions of the United States (worldbookonline.com), (school.eb.com)
  - 2010 Census Kit (http://www.census.gov/schools/pdf/materials/cis_sskit912.pdf)

**Latin America**
- Physical and Human Geography
- Mexico
- Central America and the Caribbean
- Brazil
- Countries of South America
- 11 DAYS
  - Http://www.savetherainforest.org/
  - Current Events: Earthquake in Haiti
  - “Castro Triumphs; Havana Crowds Hail Success of Revolt” (discoveryeducation.net)
  - CULTURAL STUDY: Languages and Traditions of Latin America
  - “Apocalypto” dir. Mel Gibson (Film Study)
  - NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA RESEARCH PROJECT (worldbookonline.com), (school.eb.com)
  - HISTORICAL STUDY: Colonization of Latin America

**1ST SEMESTER REVIEW / EXAM**
- 4 DAYS

**THIRD NINE WEEKS**

**Western Europe**
- Physical and Human Geography
- The British Isles and Nordic Nations
- Central Western Europe
- Mediterranean Europe
- 7 DAYS
  - HISTORICAL STUDY: The Feudal System, The Roman and Greek Empires
  - CURRENT EVENTS STUDY: The Icelandic Volcano
  - CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Foods of the Mediterranean
  - “Living History: Living during the Industrial Revolution” (discoveryeducation.net)
  - “The IRA and Sinn Fein” (http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/ira/)

**Central Europe and Northern Eurasia**
- Physical and Human Geography
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Russia
- 5 DAYS
  - “Last of the Czars: Revolution” (discoveryeducation.net)

**Central and Southwest Asia**
- Physical and Human Geography
- The Caucasus and Central Asia
- The Countries of South West Asia
- 5 DAYS
  - CURRENT EVENTS STUDY: The War In Iraq / Afghanistan PHOTO STUDY: War and Peace in the Isreal
  - http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/world/issues/mideastpeace/ Graph: Oil Exports of the Middle East and Caucasus Countries  by Gross
  - “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hossein (novel study)

**Africa**
- Physical and Human Geography
- Northern Africa
- 5 DAYS
  - “Mysteries of the Nile” (http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/egypt/resources.html)
  - ECOSYSTEM STUDY: The Sahara Desert
  - WEBQUEST: The Cradle of Civilization (http://library.thinkquest.org/C002739/index2.shtm)

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