

Grade 1 Curriculum Map

Knowledge Domain 5: Charting the World: Geography

Unit Summary <p>This domain continues students' study of the globe, maps, and atlases and what they represent. By understanding and learning how to use the cardinal rose, legends, and keys on maps, students will be able to find directions and better understand the geographical information that is being represented. Students will begin to think critically, asking and answering questions about geographical knowledge and the characteristics of specific locations. Students begin to acquire and use geographic vocabulary and develop their speaking and listening skills by participating in collaborative conversations with peers. Students will become map makers in a culminating project using information they learned in the domain to create a map. They will design, illustrate, and share with the class a map of a favorite place in their neighborhood.</p>				Overall Learning Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare and contrast the characteristics of globes, maps, and atlases• Use the cardinal directions to locate and label various places on a map• Describe time zones and how the relationship between the sun and the Earth affects the seasons• Locate and label major landforms using a legend on a world map• Understand that some countries are organized into states and provinces• Identify geographical characteristics of urban, rural, and suburban areas in the United States.• Locate and label urban, rural, and suburban areas on a map• Identify major cities on a world map• Write an opinion about the type of community (urban, suburban, rural) they would prefer to live in.• Create a map and write an opinion text about a favorite place in their neighborhood.• Domain assessment			
Unit Length: 16 Days				Big Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Globes, maps, and atlases have distinct features.• Compasses roses and map legends and keys can be used to find directions and identify geographical features.• In addition to identifying geographic locations, maps, globes, and atlases also show geographic features such as the equator, North and South Poles, bodies of water, and landforms.• Learning about geography can help us cultivate an appreciation for discovery of different ways of life and inspiration to explore beyond our own neighborhood.			
Anchor Text: <i>Charting the World: Geography</i> (Read-Aloud) Text Type: Informational Lexile: 880							
Standards Instructed				Standards Assessed			
Reading	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language

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