Iowa Social Studies

Grades 9-12: Geography

Geographic Skills and Concepts

Geographic Tools

1 Recognize and label basic human and environmental characteristics on maps to build awareness of local and global patterns. SS.9-12.GEO.1

2 Analyze geographic tools and spatial data to develop evidence-based claims about a location. SS.9-12.GEO.2

Population and Migration

Places and Regions

3 Explain the human characteristics of a location using demographic data. SS.9-12.GEO.3

Human Movement and Patterns

4 Describe the characteristics and distribution of human populations on the Earth's surface. SS.9-12.GEO.4

5 Analyze the processes, patterns, and functions of human migration and settlement. SS.9-12.GEO.5

Political Geography

Global Connections

6 Explain how political forces of cooperation and conflict influence the division and control of land. SS.9-12.GEO.6

Places and Regions

7 Analyze how geographic characteristics of places and regions influence political decisions. SS.9-12.GEO.7

Cultural Geography

Places and Regions

8 Explain how the physical and human characteristics of places and regions are connected to human identities and cultures. SS.9-12.GEO.8

Human-Environment Interaction

9 Explain how culture influences the way people modify and adapt to their environments. SS.9-12.GEO.9

Global Connections

) Evaluate the impact of cultural diffusion on places and regions. SS.9-12.GEO.10

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Agriculture and Rural Land Use	**Human-Environment Interaction**	
	11	Describe how cultural changes and technological advances have impacted the way people grow and consume food in Iowa and around the world. SS.9-12.GEO.11
	Global Connections	
	12	Explain how economic systems influence agricultural production and distribution in various places around the world. SS.9-12.GEO.12
Cities and Urban Land Use	**Places and Regions**	
	13	Identify how the conditions and connections of urban settlements in various regions can create sustainability challenges at various scales. SS.9-12.GEO.13
	Global Connections	
	14	Evaluate how connections between urban regions impacts globalization. SS.9-12.GEO.14
Industrial and Economic Development	**Places and Regions**	
	15	Explain the conditions of economic development across places and regions. SS.9-12.GEO.15
	Global Connections	
	16	Evaluate the conditions and connections that contribute to global interdependence of communications, economic, and transportation systems. SS.9-12.GEO.16