

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

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

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](#)
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Global Connections

- 12** Explain how economic systems influence agricultural production and distribution in various places around the world. [SS.9-12.GEO.12](#)
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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](#)
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Global Connections

- 14** Evaluate how connections between urban regions impacts globalization. [SS.9-12.GEO.14](#)
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Industrial and Economic Development

Places and Regions

- 15** Explain the conditions of economic development across places and regions. [SS.9-12.GEO.15](#)
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Global Connections

- 16** Evaluate the conditions and connections that contribute to global interdependence of communications, economic, and transportation systems. [SS.9-12.GEO.16](#)