South Dakota Social Studies

World Geography: Grades 9-12

World Geography

1 Students will demonstrate knowledge of applying geospatial resources and tools to interpret and analyze geographic information. 9-12.WG.1

A The student will construct a map or other geographic representations that demonstrate the physical and cultural characteristics. G 9-12.WG.1.A

2 The student can use the six essential elements of geography to describe the following regions in A thru F subpoints below. The six essential elements of geography are spatial terms, places and regions, physical systems, human systems, environment and society, and the uses of geography. G 9-12.WG.2

A Africa 9-12.WG.2.A

1 Major Geographic Features: Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Sahara Desert, Nile River, Lake Victoria, Mount Kilimanjaro, Atlas Mountains, the Horn of Africa, Red Sea, Suez Canal, Cape of Good Hope, Niger River, Congo River, Kalahari Desert, Congo Rainforest 9-12.WG.2.A.1

2 Major Countries (Cities): Algeria (Algiers), Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa), Djibouti, Egypt (Cairo, Giza), Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya (Nairobi), Liberia, Libya (Tripoli), Madagascar, Mali, Morocco (Tangier, Casablanca), Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria (Lagos), Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa (Johannesburg, Cape Town, Pretoria), South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia (Tunis), Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 9-12.WG.2.A.2

B Middle East 9-12.WG.2.B

1 Major Geographic Features: Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Caspian Sea, Red Sea, Indian Ocean, Arabian Peninsula, Persian Gulf, Euphrates River, Tigris River, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman 9-12.WG.2.B.1

2 Major Countries (Cities): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Georgia, Iran (Tehran), Iraq (Baghdad, Mosul), Israel (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon (Beruit), Qatar, Saudi Arabia (Riyadh, Mecca), Syria (Damascus), Turkey (Istanbul, Ankara), United Arab Emirates (Dubai), Yemen 9-12.WG.2.B.2

C Central Asia 9-12.WG.2.C

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1ajor Geographic Features: Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, Ganges River, Indo-Gangetic Plain, Northern Mountains, Deccan Plateau, Himalayan

Mountains, the Steppes, Indus River 9-12.WG.2.C.1

2 Major Countries (Cities): Afghanistan (Kabul), Bangladesh, India (Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Kolkata), Kazakhstan (Almaty), Nepal, Pakistan (Islamabad), Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan 9-12.WG.2.C.2

D Southeast Asia and Oceania 9-12.WG.2.D

1 Major Geographic Features: Indian Ocean, Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica, major Pacific islands, Pacific Ocean, Coral Sea, Bay of Bengal, South China Sea, Strait of Malacca, Great Victoria Desert, Great Barrier Reef, Australasia rainforest, Indo-Burma Rainforest 9-12.WG.2.D.1

2 Major Countries (Cities): Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia (Jakarta), Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Mandalay), New Zealand, Philippines (Manila), Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi) 9-12.WG.2.D.2

E North and East Asia 9-12.WG.2.E

1 Major Geographic Features: Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Sea of Japan, Yellow Sea, East China Sea, Gobi Desert, Ob River, Himalayan Mountains, Yellow River, Yangtze River, Siberia, Kolyma River, Golden Horn Bay, Korean Peninsula, Mount Everest 9-12.WG.2.E.1

2 Major Countries (Cities): China (Chongqing, Shanghai, Beijing, Wuhan, Hong Kong), Japan (Tokyo), Mongolia, North Korea (Pyongyang), Russia (Vladivostok), South Korea (Seoul), Taiwan 9-12.WG.2.E.2

F Europe 9-12.WG.2.F

1 Major Geographic Features: Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Baltic Sea, Volga River, Danube River, Ural Mountains, Rhine River, Elbe River, Seine River, Po River, Thames River, Carpathian Mountains, Alps Mountains, Apennine Mountains, Pyrenees Mountains, Iberian Peninsula, Scandinavia, Balkans, Irish Sea, Bay of Biscay, English Channel, Mediterranean Sea, Peloponnesus, Dardanelle Straits, Black Sea, North Sea, Normandy, Mount Blanc, Rhineland, Polish Plain, Caucuses 9-12.WG.2.F.1

2 Countries (Major Cities): Albania, Austria (Vienna), Belarus, Belgium (Brussels), BosniaHerzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark (Copenhagen), Estonia, Finland (Helsinki), France (Paris, Marseilles), Germany (Berlin, Cologne), Gibraltar, Greece (Athens), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland (Dublin), Italy (Rome, Milan, Venice), Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands (Amsterdam), Norway, Poland (Warsaw, Gdansk, Krakow), Portugal (Lisbon), Romania, Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg), San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (Madrid), Sweden, Switzerland (Geneva), Ukraine (Kiev), United Kingdom (London, Oxford, Edinburgh), England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Vatican City 9-12.WG.2.F.2

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North and South America 9-12.WG.2.G

1 **Major Geographic Features: Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Amazon River, Amazon Rainforest, Andes Mountains, Cape Horn, Panama Canal, Yucatan Peninsula, Baja California Peninsula, Straits of Magellan, Isthmus of Panama, Rocky Mountains, Appalachian Mountains, Mississippi River, Missouri River, Ohio River, Columbia River, Colorado River, Grand Canyon, Hudson Bay, Saint Lawrence River, Great Lakes, Great Salt Lake, Gulf of Mexico, Rio Grande, Yukon River, Mount McKinley, Mojave Desert, Chihuahua Desert, Sonoran Desert, Atacama Desert, Great Plains** 9-12.WG.2.G.1

2 **Major Countries (Cities): Argentina (Buenos Aires), Belize, Bolivia, Brazil (Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro), Chile (Santiago), Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru (Lima), Uruguay, Venezuela, United States (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston), Canada (Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal), Mexico (Mexico City), Greenland, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Cuba (Havana), Panama, Costa Rica, Haiti, Guatemala (Guatemala City), Honduras, Barbados, The Bahamas, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Cayman Islands, Grenada** 9-12.WG.2.G.

3 **Students will recognize and explain the differences and similarities within and between cultures and people groups in the world's places and regions.** 9-12.WG.3

A **The student can explain how geographic location and features contributed to the development and form of historical civilizations and how they influenced the actions of people in a given historical event. HG** 9-12.WG.3.A

B **The student can identify elements that make up a person's culture, including political culture. CG** 9-12.WG.3.B