

# World Geography

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Describe how geographic tools, representations, and technologies are used in the study of geography. [WG.4](#)

**a** Create and use geographic representations, data, and geospatial technologies to analyze geographic patterns and changes over time, including maps, satellite images, photographs, charts, graphs, population pyramids, GIS, and GPS. [WG.4.A](#)

**b** Describe the influence of technology on the study of geography and gather geographic information using technological tools. [WG.4.B](#)

**c** Compare and contrast various types of maps and map projections, and evaluate distortions associated with each map projection. [WG.4.C](#)

**d** Analyze how maps and data illustrate territorial divisions and regional classification of the earth's surface. [WG.4.D](#)

Explain the spatial relationships of human

**a** Explain the patterns and processes of human settlement and migration. [WG.5.A](#)

**b** Analyze population growth over time and predict future trends. [WG.5.B](#)

**settlement, migration, and population.** WG.5

- c** Evaluate how historical processes, including cultural diffusion, colonialism, imperialism, trade, urbanization, and migration have affected countries and world regions. WG.5.C
- d** Explain how landscape features and natural resource use can reflect cultural attributes. WG.5.D
- e** Evaluate the consequences of globalization, the acceleration of communication, and the diffusion of ideas, information, and culture. WG.5.E

**Analyze geographic factors that influence economic development.** WG.6

- a** Explain the spatial patterns of industrial production and development. WG.6.A
- b** Analyze the distribution of resources and describe their influence on individuals, businesses, and countries. WG.6.B
- c** Analyze factors that influence the economic development of countries. WG.6.C
- d** Describe social and economic measures of development in various countries. WG.6.D
- e** Explain how economic interdependence and globalization affect countries and their populations. WG.6.E
- f** Analyze the historical and contemporary economic influence that Louisiana has on other parts of the United States and on the broader world. WG.6.F

**Analyze how governments and political boundaries affect people and places.** WG.7

- a** Compare various systems of government in terms of division of power, economic ideologies, and power structure. WG.7.A
- b** Analyze various economic philosophies including, capitalism, socialism, and communism that have influenced the development of political and economic systems. WG.7.B
- c** Evaluate the purpose of political institutions at various levels, local to supranational, and distinguish their roles, powers, and limitations. WG.7.C
- d** Analyze how political boundaries are created and how they affect political institutions. WG.7.D
- e** Describe nations and states using appropriate terminology. WG.7.E
- f** Analyze actions in various regions taken by individuals, groups, regional governments, and supranational organizations to expand freedoms and protect human rights. WG.7.F
- g** Evaluate factors that contribute to cooperation and conflict, including trade, natural resources, and land acquisition. WG.7.G

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**h Explain the degree to which cooperation and conflict have affected countries and world regions. WG.7.H**

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**Analyze how people have modified or adapted to the environment locally, nationally, regionally, and globally. WG.8**

**a Analyze effects of human settlement patterns and land use on the natural environment. WG.8.A**

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**b Identify ways in which people have attempted to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. WG.8.B**

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**c Analyze causes and effects of local, national, regional, and global environmental issues. WG.8.C**