

First Grade

World History and Geography

- a.** Name your continent, country, state, and community
- b.** Understand that maps have keys or legends with symbols and their uses.
- c.** Find directions on a map: east, west, north, south.
- d.** Identify the major oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, Southern
- e.** Review the seven continents: Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Australia.
- f.** Locate: Canada, United States, Mexico, Central America, South America
- g.** Locate: the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, North and South Poles
- h.** Geographical terms and features: **i.** peninsula **ii.** harbor **iii.** bay **iv.** island **v.** ocean **vi.** sea

Early World Civilizations

- a.** Mesopotamia: the “cradle of civilization” **i.** Importance of Tigris and Euphrates Rivers **ii.** Farming methods, organized settlements **iii.** Development of writing, why writing is important to the development of civilization **iv.** Code of Hammurabi (early code of laws), why rules and laws are important to the development of civilization
- b.** Ancient Egypt
 - i.** Geography **1.** Transcontinental country (Africa and Asia) **2.** Sahara Desert
 - ii.** Importance of Nile River, floods and farming
 - iii.** Pharaohs **1.** Tutankhamen **2.** Hatshepsut, woman pharaoh
 - iv.** Pyramids and mummies, animal gods and goddesses, Sphinx **v.** Writing: hieroglyphics

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History of World Religions

- a.** Judaism **i.** Belief in one God **ii.** Story of the Exodus: Moses leads the Hebrews out of Egypt **iii.** Israel, Chanukah, Star of David, Torah, synagogue
- b.** Christianity **i.** Christianity grew out of Judaism **ii.** Jesus, meaning of “messiah” **iii.** Christmas and Easter, symbol of the cross
- c.** Islam **i.** Originated in Arabia, since spread worldwide **ii.** Followers are called Muslims **iii.** Allah, Muhammad, Makkah, Qur’an, mosque **iv.** Symbol of crescent and star (found on the flags of many mainly Islamic nations)

Modern Civilization and Culture: Mexico

- a.** Geography **i.** North American continent, locate Mexico relative to Canada and the United States **ii.** Central America, Yucatan Peninsula **iii.** Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Rio Grande **iv.** Mexico City
- b.** Culture **i.** Indian and Spanish heritage **ii.** Traditions: fiesta, piñata **iii.** National holiday: September 16, Independence Day

Early People and Civilizations

- a.** The earliest people: hunters and nomads **i.** Crossing from Asia to North America (the land bridge as one possibility) **ii.** From hunting to farming **iii.** Gradual development of early towns and cities
- b.** Early American civilizations **i.** Maya in Mexico and Central America
- ii.** Aztecs in Mexico **1.** Moctezuma (also called Montezuma) **2.** Tenochtitlan (Mexico City)
- iii.** Inca in South America (Peru, Chile) **1.** Cities in the Andes, Machu Picchu

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Early Exploration and Settlement

a. Columbus

b. The Conquistadors **i.** The search for gold and silver **ii.** Hernán Cortés and the Aztecs **iii.** Francisco Pizarro and the Inca **iv.** Diseases devastate Native American population

c. English Settlers **i.** The story of the Lost Colony **1.** Sir Walter Raleigh **2.** Virginia Dare

ii. Virginia **1.** Jamestown **2.** Captain John Smith **3.** Pocahontas and Powhatan **iii.** Slavery, plantations in Southern colonies

iv. Massachusetts **1.** Pilgrims **a.** Mayflower **b.** Thanksgiving Day **2.** Massachusetts Bay Colony, the Puritans

From Colonies to Independence: The American Revolution

a. Locate the original thirteen colonies.

b. The Boston Tea Party

c. Paul Revere's ride, "One if by land, two if by sea"

d. Minutemen and Redcoats, the "shot heard round the world"

e. Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be f. self-evident, that all men are created equal. . . ."

g. Fourth of July

h. Benjamin Franklin: patriot, inventor, writer

i. George Washington: from military commander to our first president **i.** Martha Washington **ii.** Our national capital city named Washington

j. Legend of Betsy Ross and the flag

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Early Exploration of the American West

- a.** Daniel Boone and the Wilderness Road
- b.** The Louisiana Purchase **i.** Explorations of Lewis and Clark **ii.** Sacagawea
- c.** Geography: Locate the Appalachian Mountains, the Rocky Mountains, and the Mississippi River

Symbols and Figures

- a.** Liberty Bell
- b.** Current United States president
- c.** American flag
- d.** Bald eagle