

Third Grade

Geography and Social Studies

- a.** Spatial Sense (Working with Maps, Globes, And Other Geographic Tools)
- b.** Name your continent, country, state, and community.
- c.** Understand that maps have keys or legends with symbols and their uses.
- d.** Find directions on a map: east, west, north, south.
- e.** Identify major oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic.
- f.** The seven continents: Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Australia
- g.** Locate: Canada, United States
- h.** Locate: the Equator, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere, North and South Poles.
- i.** Measure straight-line distances using a bar scale

Geographical Terms and Features

- a.** boundary, channel, delta, isthmus, plateau, reservoir, strait

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Canada

- a.** Locate in relation to United States
- b.** French and British heritage, French-speaking Quebec
- c.** Hudson Bay, St. Lawrence River, Yukon River
- d.** Divided into provinces.
- e.** Major cities, including Montreal, Quebec, Toronto

Important rivers of the world

- a.** Terms: source, mouth, tributary, drainage basin
- b.** Asia: Ob, Yellow (Huang He), Yangtze (Chang Jiang), Ganges, Indus
- c.** Africa: Nile, Niger, Congo
- d.** South America: Amazon, Parana, Orinoco
- e.** North America: Mississippi and major tributaries, Mackenzie, Yukon
- f.** Australia: Murray-Darling
- g.** Europe: Volga, Danube, Rhine

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The Ancient Roman Civilization

- a.** Geography of the Mediterranean Region
- b.** Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea, Adriatic Sea
- c.** Greece, Italy (peninsula), France, Spain
- d.** Strait of Gibraltar, Atlantic Ocean
- e.** North Africa, Asia Minor (peninsula), Turkey
- f.** Bosphorus (strait), Black Sea, Istanbul (Constantinople)

Background

- a.** Define
- b.** The legend of Romulus and Remus
- c.** Latin as the language of Rome
- d.** Worship of gods and goddesses, largely based on Greek religion
- e.** The Republic: Senate, Patricians, Plebeians
- f.** Punic Wars: Carthage, Hannibal

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The Empire

- a.** Julius Caesar Defeats Pompey in civil war, becomes dictator “Veni, vidi, vici” (“I came, I saw, I conquered”), Cleopatra of Egypt, Caesar Assassinated in The Senate, Brutus
- b.** Augustus Caesar
- c.** Life in the Roman Empire, The Forum: temples, marketplaces, etc. The Colosseum: circuses, gladiator combat, chariot races Roads, bridges, and aqueducts
- d.** Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, destruction of Pompeii
- e.** Persecution of Christians
- f.** The “Decline and Fall” Of Rome
- g.** Weak and corrupt emperors, legend of Nero fiddling as Rome burns.
- h.** Civil wars
- i.** City of Rome sacked.
- j.** Social and moral decay
- k.** The Eastern Roman Empire: Byzantine Civilization
- l.** The rise of the Eastern Roman Empire, known as the Byzantine Empire
- m.** Constantine, emperor who made Christianity the official religion of Rome.
- n.** Constantinople (now called Istanbul) merges diverse influences and cultures.
- o.** Justinian, Justinian’s Code

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The Vikings

- a.** From area now called Scandinavia (Sweden, Denmark, Norway)
 - b.** Also called Norsemen, they were skilled sailors and shipbuilders.
 - c.** Traders, and sometimes raiders of the European coast
 - d.** Eric the Red and Leif Ericson (Leif “the Lucky”)
 - e.** Earliest Europeans (long before Columbus) we know of to come to North America
- Locate: Greenland, Canada, Newfoundland

History

- a.** The Earliest Americans
- b.** Crossing from Asia to North America
- c.** During the Ice Age, nomadic hunters cross from Asia to North America (now the Bering Strait). (Crossing a land bridge is just one of many theories.) Different peoples, with different languages and ways of life, eventually spread out over the North and South American continents. These early peoples include: Inuits (Eskimos) Ancestral Pueblo, pueblo builders and cliff dwellers Mound builders

Native Americans

- a.** In the Southwest Pueblos (Hopi, Zuni), Dine (Navajo), Apaches
- b.** Eastern “Woodland” Indians, Woodland culture: wigwams, longhouses, farming, peace pipe, Shaman and Sachem, Major tribes and nations (such as Mohican, Iroquois Confederacy)
- c.** In the Southeast Cherokee, Seminole

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Early Exploration of North America

- a.** Early Spanish Exploration and Settlement
- b.** Settlement of Florida
- c.** Ponce De Leon, Legend of The Fountain of Youth
- d.** Hernando De Soto
- e.** Founding of St. Augustine (Oldest Continuous European Settlement In What Is Now The U.S.)