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World Geography Curriculum

This curriculum provides you with printable materials with which to construct a complete study of World Geography for students from kindergarten through high school. It can be used independently or as a supplement to any textbook.

The Landforms Study Unit provides the youngest students with a basic understanding of the terms and definitions used in the study of geography. The Continents and Oceans cork board map introduces them to map reading skills.

Each map in the Corkboard Maps folder presents up to 15 landforms. Students learn to relate history and geography using their descriptions given on the manipulatives. Each map set has a set of manipulatives, an "easy" map, a more difficult one and an answer key. On the easier version, the prime meridian, equator and the directions are marked.

Worksheets are organized by continent so that the students can focus either on one continent on the same topic in each continent folder. With these worksheets, the teacher can individualize the students' assignments. Charts for recording information found by the student during his research are provided in each folder.

The Command Cards present the assignments similar to those on the worksheets in a card format. This can be particularly useful for teachers who want to assign different topics to different students. These cards may be laminated and used in a learning center.

Bingo games are available in some of the folders.

Teachers and older students are encouraged to make their own worksheets, command card sets, and corkboard maps using the templates on the CD-ROM. Studies of developing countries, regional studies, as well as studies of topics such as weather and products can be authored using these templates.



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Landforms Study Unit Folder:

- The PowerPoint presentation *Using Study Units*.
- LP Landforms SU.pdf is the Lesson Plan for the Study Unit. Open it first and read the instructions. It will tell you how to use the study unit, and which files to use for each activity. The Study Unit includes 21 major landforms. For younger children the set should be divided into three groups of 7 landforms each.
- The *Continents Set* (cb_continents.pdf) includes a map, a map answer key, and labels for each of the continents and oceans as well as a lesson plan for the activity.
- Two bingo games for the Landform terms. Terms Bingo I has the names of the landforms on the cards. Terms Bingo II has the definitions. Terms Bingo Manipulatives can be used as a matching game or a calling card.

Cork Board Map Folder:

- Each folder contains includes a map, an “easy map,” a map answer key, a sheet of manipulatives with the place name, its location, and its description. The “easy map has the Prime Meridian and Equator highlighted and the directions for latitude and longitude marked in the margins of the map. Use whichever one is appropriate for your students.
- The folders marked with a ‘*’ on the chart below also includes a bingo game
- The *Continents Set* (cb_continents.pdf) is identical to the one in the Landforms Study Unit folder. This is particularly suitable for younger students.
- A *Lesson Plan* (LP Cork Board Maps.pdf) describes the assembly and use of the cork board maps.
- The *CB Map Labels-8667* is a Word document formatted for return address labels (Avery 8667). This can help you organize your activities.
- The *manipulative sheets* are found in each of the sub-folders

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| Continents | *Archipelagoes | *Bays | *Capes | Deserts |
| *Islands | Gulfs and Seas | *Lakes | Peninsulas | *Rivers |
| Saints | Mountain Ranges | *Straits | Volcanoes | |



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Worksheet Folder:

- Lesson Plan - Worksheets provides you with a flexible lesson plan for using the various activities for one or more continents.
- Each continent sub-folder includes folders for each topic of study. These topics are listed in the charts below.
- Each topic sub-folder has a worksheet with a list of activities for a student to complete, as well as a matching chart on which to enter the information.
- The items on each worksheet that are highlighted in yellow should be completed by every student.
- Assign the remaining items at your discretion.
- Using these worksheets allows the parent/teacher to adapt the lesson to fit the needs and interests of individual students.
- Here are some links for downloading maps:
 - Blank maps.
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas/index.html>
 - Europe showing countries and capitals as well as lots of other cities.
http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/europe/europe_ref_2006.pdf
 - Political Map of Europe <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/europe/>
 - Mountain Ranges of Europe
<http://worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/eulnd.htm>

• Africa Folder

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| Archipelagoes | Bays | Capes | Cathedrals | Cities |
| Countries | Gulfs and Seas | Islands | Isthmi | Lakes |
| Mt. Peaks | Mountain Ranges | Peninsulas | Rivers | Saints |
| Straits | Volcanoes | Bingo game | | |

• Asia Folder

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| Gulfs and Seas | Islands | Isthmi | Lakes | Literature |
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- **Europe Folder**

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Command Cards Folder:

- Lesson Plan – Command Cards provides you with a flexible lesson plan for using the various activities for one or more continents. Command cards are appropriate for Learning Centers, or if you want different students to study different topics in the same continent.
- Each continent folder includes a Command Cards file and a chart file for each topic.
- A Bingo game is available for some continents, as shown in the charts.
- Links for downloading maps are available on the Class Page.



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Templates Folders:

- Each continent sub-folder contains a Word document for one worksheet, one command card set, and one chart so that you or your students can choose different topics of study.
- The *Country Information Sheet.doc* is an adaptation of the State Information sheet that I have used with the US Geography and History Course. It can be adapted to suit the needs of your students.

Using the World Geography Curriculum Materials

Suggested Sequence – Grades K - 3:

- Landforms Study Unit
- Continents Cork Board Map
- Islands Cork Board Map
- Worksheet – student's choice. If possible pair an older student with a younger one for the activity.
- Terms I Bingo game – just calling names of landforms.

Suggested Sequence – Older Students:

- Landforms Study Unit
- Terms and Definitions Manipulatives
- Bingo games for the Landform terms.
- Corkboard Maps – 2 or 3 of your choice
 - Use the Manipulatives
 - Play the game with the map
 - Test the students' knowledge using the Interactive Maps.
- Study a particular continent, using either the worksheets or the Command Cards.