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Grade Eight Geography Unit A Part 1 Human Settlement and Physical Environment



In what ways can the environment affect human settlement?

We will need to discover:

- Why do we live in the places we do?
- How does the environment impact the ways in which we live?

In our first geography unit, students will explore the patterns of human settlement and will begin to think critically about the relationship between the physical environment and human habitations. Students will focus on where people live and why they live there, and will begin to explore the impact of human settlement and land use on the environment.

Students will develop critical thinking, research and inquiry skills and will apply a geographic perspective to their investigation of **human settlement, quality of life, equity, power and authority and stewardship**. Students will explore case studies that examine a variety of physical landscapes (mountainous, desert, ocean, plains, volcanic, etc.) and their human inhabitants (including First Nations communities, ancient towns and modern cities).

Students will complete the unit with a personal research study and critical examination of a human settlement and its relationship with the physical environment.

Resources:

The class website is a wonderful place to find resources, lesson overviews, test reviews and submit your Geography Journals electronically. You can find it at:

<http://mskuksclass.weebly.com>

Geo Journals:

Every time you see "Journal" under Activities/ Assignments, **this is homework**. You must hand in **by the given due date** a typed/ hand-written response to the Journal question, 1/2 page minimum. Remember, journals can also be submitted online through the class website. Go to the lesson of the day and look for the journal link).

I'm looking for detailed responses that show that you have thought carefully and critically about the question. You can use words, pictures and diagrams. And, most importantly, **make your thinking visible by giving examples and reasons!**

Assessment: How will I show what I have learned?

- 1) **IN CLASS WORK:** Collaborative work, in-class assignments, participation in discussions
- 2) **GEO JOURNALS AND TICKET-OUT-THE-DOORS:** Thoughtful, critical, on time
- 3) **CULMINATING PROJECT AND SUMMATIVE TEST**

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Lesson	Topic/ Big Idea	Homework
1	Places and Features	Geo Journal 1: Choose one of the locations shared in class and write a paragraph about that place and how it's physical features impact its settlement.
2	GeoGuessR: Thinking Critically About Physical Features	Geo Journal 2: What physical features did you use to help you make your guesses accurate when completing GeoGuessR?
3	Factors Affecting Settlement P1: The Fort Ware Story	Geo Journal 3: What is one physical feature that limits us in Richmond Hill?
4	Factors Affecting Settlement P2: Pompeii's Eruption	
5	Coming to the Americas, Take One	Geo Journal 4: What factors went into the decision around your family's current location?
6	Canada's Settlement Patterns	Geo Journal 5: What type of population distribution patterns does Canada have? Why?
7	Geo Analysis: What can we learn from maps?	Geo Journal 6: Why did you choose the location you did for your culminating task?
8	Canadian Ghost Towns and Quiz Review	Quiz review
9	Formative Quiz	
10	Choropleth Maps	Test review
11	Summative Test Review	Test review
12	Summative Test	
13-19	Culminating Project	
20	Culminating Project Presentations	

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Patterns in Physical Geography Vocabulary

	Definition and Example
Physical Feature	
Settlement Pattern	
Population Distribution (linear, scattered, clustered)	
Population Density (high, medium, low)	
Push Factor	
Pull Factor	
Choropleth Map	
Demographics	

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Geography Journals Completion Guide:

Date	Geography Journal	Completed (online or paper)
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