

Geography Alive![®]

Regions and People



Ignite your students' passion for geography—
Re-ignite your passion for teaching it!

Print: Teacher Materials

Lesson Guides

- Provide easy-to-follow, step-by-step procedures for each lesson to ensure successful teaching

Lesson Masters

- Contain reproducible student and teacher masters for all classroom lessons and activities, organized by chapter

Transparencies and Placards

- Provide visual support for chapter activities, including maps, graphs, diagrams, and photographs

Middle School Student Edition

High School Student Edition

Interactive Student Notebook

Sounds of Geography CD

- Stimulates learning with music, dramatic readings, and sound effects

Seven Mapping Labs

- Introduce students to the physical and human geography of the seven world regions highlighted in the program
- Spiral in difficulty, culminating with high-level geographic puzzles requiring critical thinking skills

Print: Student Materials

Student Edition

- Organizes each chapter around an Essential Question to focus and direct the learning
- Contains considerate text that is uncluttered and easy to navigate
- Includes powerful graphic elements that support visual learning, spark student interest, and foster comprehension
- Incorporates history, economics, and government with geography curriculum

Interactive Student Notebook

- Creates a dynamic, personal record of student learning
- Improves subject retention through graphically organized Reading Notes

Technology: Teacher Materials

TeachTCI Subscription

A TeachTCI subscription delivers a wealth of teaching materials directly to teachers via the Internet.

- Provides downloadable teaching resources and access to a community of teachers to share lesson adaptation ideas
- Facilitates teaching of TCI activities with state-of-the-art Classroom Presenter slideshows
- Tracks student reading results so teachers learn which topics need reinforcement

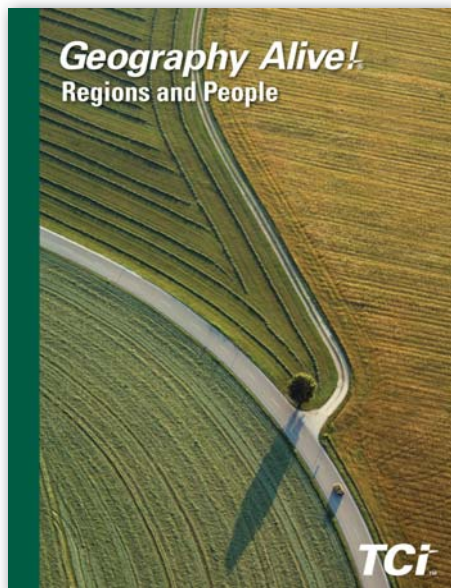
Technology: Student Materials

6-Year LearnTCI Subscription

LearnTCI enables students to interact with content online and test their comprehension in a fun and engaging way.

- Motivates students to read—through visuals, primary sources, and maps—with Reading Challenges that appeal to students
- Empowers students to identify main ideas of the chapter, using the Text Highlighting Tool and the Main Idea Viewer

Program Contents



Created in partnership with scholars from the National Council for Geographic Education, *Geography Alive! Regions and People* creatively challenges students to use the tools of geography to view, analyze, and understand the world around them. The program's case-study approach and seven Mapping Labs turn students into geographic thinkers. As a key benefit, building students' content area reading skills is an integral part of the program's design.

Unit 1: The Geographer's World

1 The Tools of Geography

How do geographers show information on maps?

Students develop the basic map-reading skills they will need for success in this program.

2 A Spatial Way of Thinking

Why do geographers use a variety of maps to represent the world?

Students read and analyze six types of thematic maps that geographers use to represent the world.

Unit 2: Canada and the United States

3 Settlement Patterns and Ways of Life in Canada

How does where you live influence how you live?

Students explore how location influences ways of life by looking at population, climate, language, buildings, and economic activity in the five regions of Canada.

4 The Great Lakes: The U.S. and Canada's Freshwater Treasures

How can people best use and protect Earth's freshwater ecosystems?

Students analyze data about the state of the Great Lakes today and apply what they learn about the lakes' current status and future prospects.

5 Urban Sprawl in North America: Where Will It End?

How does urban sprawl affect people and the planet?

Students work in policy-planning groups to debate and recommend possible solutions to address growth and urban sprawl in the cities of Portland, Toronto, and Atlanta.



6 National Parks: Saving the Natural Heritage of the U.S. and Canada

What features make national parks special and worth preserving?

Students plan adventure tours to learn about the topography and characteristics of North American national parks, as well as challenges to their preservation.

7 Consumption Patterns in the United States: The Impact of Living Well

How do American consumption patterns affect people and the planet?

Students learn about consumption patterns in the United States and around the world through analysis of a series of cartograms depicting global consumption patterns and gross domestic product.

8 Migration to the United States: The Impact on People and Places

How does migration affect the lives of people and the character of places?

Students conduct interviews to learn about the push and pull factors that cause people to migrate to the United States.



Unit 3: Latin America

9 Spatial Inequality in Mexico City: From Cardboard to Castles

Why does spatial inequality exist in urban areas?

Students study the process of urbanization and the patterns of inequality that exist in urban areas such as Mexico City.

10 Indigenous Cultures: The Survival of the Maya of Mesoamerica

How do indigenous peoples preserve their traditional culture while adapting to modern life?

Students dramatize five aspects of life in a highland Maya village to learn how the Maya of the Guatemalan highlands and Chiapas have preserved their traditional ways of life while adapting to modern society.

11 Dealing with Extreme Weather: Hurricanes in the Caribbean

What causes extreme weather, and how do people deal with it?

Students analyze images that represent key stages in the life of a hurricane to learn about extreme weather and how people plan for and deal with hurricanes in the Caribbean.

12 Land Use Conflict in the Amazon Rainforest

How should the resources of rainforests be used and preserved?

Students learn and then create news reports about groups with competing interests in how to preserve and use the resources of the Amazon rainforest.

13 Life in the Central Andes: Adapting to a Mountainous Region

How do people adapt to living in a mountainous region?

Students learn how people have adapted to living in the varied environments of the Andes Mountains and other mountainous regions around the world.

Unit 4: Europe and Russia

14 Supranational Cooperation in the European Union

What forces work for and against supranational cooperation among nations?

Students explore the economic, political, and cultural forces surrounding supranational cooperation in the European Union.

15 Population Dilemmas in Europe

How do population trends affect a country's future?

Students explore the effects of population trends by creating and analyzing population pyramids for three countries with different levels of growth.

16 Invisible Borders: Transboundary Pollution in Europe

How can one country's pollution become another country's problem?

Students explore the impact of one country's pollution on other countries, analyzing images and maps to understand the causes and results of radioactive pollution from Chernobyl, acid rain from the "Black Triangle" region, and water pollution in the Tisza and Danube rivers.

17 Russia's Varied Landscape: Physical Processes at Work

How do physical processes shape Earth's landscape?

Students examine how four physical processes shape Earth and identify examples of their effects on the landscape of Russia.

18 New Nation-States from the Old Soviet Empire: Will They Succeed?

What factors contribute to the success or failure of new nation-states?

To understand why political maps can change, students analyze economic and political information from five nation-states that formed after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

"Students are engaged in the problem-solving process as they utilize geographic skills to analyze contemporary global problems. They learn to think like geographers!"

Fred Walk

Instructional Assistant, Professor, and Lecturer at Illinois State University



Unit 5: Africa

19 The Nile River: A Journey from Source to Mouth

How do rivers change as they flow across Earth's surface?

Students examine key features along the Nile River to learn how physical features and human activity affect river systems as they flow across Earth's surface.

20 Life in the Sahara and the Sahel: Adapting to a Desert Region

How do people adapt to living in a desert region?

Students investigate the ways people have adapted to living in the varied environments of a desert region.

21 Micro-entrepreneurs: Women's Role in the Development of Africa

How are women micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries changing their communities?

Students study three women micro-entrepreneurs to learn how they are changing the human characteristics of their African communities.

22 Nigeria: A Country of Many Cultures

How can dividing a diverse country into regions make it easier to understand?

Students explore the regional differences within Nigeria by designing an educational Web page about the country's three distinct regions.

23 Resources and Power in Post-apartheid South Africa

How might ethnic group differences affect who controls resources and power in a society?

Students examine photographs of the new South Africa and evaluate how much progress South Africa has made toward achieving racial equality since the end of apartheid.

Unit 6: Southwest and Central Asia

24 Oil in Southwest Asia: How "Black Gold" Has Shaped a Region

How might having a valuable natural resource affect a region?

Students analyze geographic data to answer a series of critical thinking questions about how oil has affected ten countries in Southwest Asia.

25 Istanbul: A Primate City Throughout History

Where are primate cities located, and why are they important?

Students examine the city of Istanbul to learn about the unique traits of primate cities and to develop an appreciation for the importance of location, as defined by site and situation.

26 The Aral Sea: Central Asia's Shrinking Water Source

How are humans affected by changes they make to their physical environment?

Students examine how the shrinking of the Aral Sea in Central Asia has affected the nearby physical environment and the humans who live there.

Unit 7: Monsoon Asia

27 Waiting for the Rains: The Effects of Monsoons in South Asia

How does climate influence human activity in a region?

Students learn how monsoons influence the climate of South Asia and affect the lives of the people who live there.

28 Tech Workers and Time Zones: India's Comparative Advantage

What factors give some countries a comparative advantage in the global IT revolution?

Students explore the global revolution in information technology (IT) and the factors that give countries such as India a comparative advantage in attracting IT jobs.

29 Mount Everest: Climbing the World's Tallest Physical Feature

How can people both experience and protect the world's special places?

Students go on a simulated climb of Mount Everest to discover some of the challenges faced by real climbers and the environmental impact of climbing expeditions.

30 China: The World's Most Populous Country

How does a country meet the challenges created by a large and growing population?

Students analyze the ways China has tried to address the challenges created by its large and increasing population.

31 Population Density in Japan: Life in a Crowded Country

How does population density affect the way people live?

Students discover the effects of population density on life in Japan and around the world.

32 The Global Sneaker: From Asia to Everywhere

What is globalization, and how does it affect people and places?

Students learn about globalization by investigating the key stages in the production of an athletic shoe.

Unit 8: Oceania and Antarctica

33 Relative and Absolute Location: What Makes Australia Unique?

How does a country's location shape life within its borders?

Students discover how the absolute and relative locations of Australia have helped shape many aspects of life there.

34 The Pacific Islands: Adapting to Life Surrounded by Ocean

How do people adapt to life in an island region?

Students learn how physical and human geography affect life on three types of islands in the Pacific Ocean: continental islands, volcanic islands, and atolls.

35 Antarctica: Researching Climate Change at the Coldest Place on Earth

How might global warming affect the environment in the world's coldest places?

Students explore how Antarctica is affected by world climate changes and why this unique land is ideal for the study of global warming.

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