World Geography
Unit 2 Plan, Cultural (Human) Geography

**STANDARDS for Unit 2: Cultural Geography**

**SSWG2 Evaluate how the physical and human characteristics of places and regions are connected to human identities and cultures.**

**a. Examine how ethnic compositions of various groups has led to diversified cultural landscapes, including, but not limited to, architecture, traditions, food, art, and music.**

**b. Examine how language can be central to identity and a unifying or a divisive force (e.g., Bantu, French-Canadians (Quebecois), and Basques.**

**c. Examine the effects of universalizing and ethnic religions on local populations, including, but not limited to, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.**

**d. Examine the impact of cultural beliefs on gender roles and perceptions of race and ethnicity as they vary from one region to another (e.g., the caste system, apartheid, and legal rights for women).**

**e. Explain the processes of culture diffusion and convergence through the effects of various media norms, transnational corporations, and technological advancements in transportation infrastructure (e.g., Coca-Cola and American fast food restaurants, social media networks, and universalized clothing choices).**

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

What is culture?

What trend is occurring in the earth’s population?

Why do people form political units like countries and state?

What is the core of an urban area and what surrounds it?

What are push/pull factors?

Why is Infant Mortality Rate an important statistic?

Why is per capita GDP (GNP) an important statistic?

**Essential Vocabulary:**

Culture Convergence Transnational Corporations

Population Distribution Population Density Civilization

Cultural Hearth Cultural Diffusion Migration

Religion Infant Mortality Rate Society

Fertility Rate Mortality Rate Birthrate

Push/Pull Factors Dialect Infrastructure

Per Capita GDP (GNP) Monotheism Polytheism

Ethnic Group Innovation Acculturation

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