World Geography
Unit 3 Plan, North America

**STANDARDS for Unit 3**

**SSWG8 The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary Canada and the United States.**

a. Describe the location of major physical features and their impact on Canada and the United States.

b. Describe the major climates of Canada and the United States and how they affect Canada and the United States.

c. Explain the reasons for the population distribution in Canada and the United States.

d. Explain how the physical geography of Canada and the United States contributed to regional growth and development.

e. Describe the ethnic and religious groups in Canada and the United States; include major customs and traditions.

f. Analyze how transportation and communications improvements led to the growth of industry in the United States and the consequences of such growth, especially environmentally, for both Canada and the United States.

**Essential Questions**

What are the specific Physical Features of North America?

How is the United States and Canada similar and different politically?

What is the political makeup of Canada?

What are some of the characteristics of the United States and Canada?

What are the many physical and cultural features of North America?

**Common Core Elements**

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.1 Cite Specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.3 Analyze in detail a series of events described in a text; determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them.

**Essential Vocabulary**

Appalachian Mountains Nomads Free Enterprise

Great Plains St. Lawrence Seaway Service Industry

Canadian Shield Columbian Exchange Multinational

Rocky Mountains Louisiana Purchase The West

Great Lakes frontier The Midwest

Prevailing Westerlies Representative Democracy The South

Megalopolis NAFTAPermafrost

Post-Industrial Economy Atlantic Provinces British Columbia

New England Prairie Provinces Nunavut

Province Quebec Terrorism

Parliamentary Government Ontario Coalition

Infrastructure Beringia Migration

**Daily Plans and Assignments**

Aug 29—Maps of North America—Physical pp. 117-126

Aug 30—Maps of North America—Political pp. 127-131

Aug 31 – Map Quiz – Political and Physical pp. 117-131

Sept 1—Political and Government features of North America pp. 172-183

Sept 2—Regions of the US

Sept 6— Food Day—N. America, USA pp. 140-151

Sept 7— Canada pp. 155-165

Sept 8—North America Unit Test (Chapters 5-7)

NOTE: Assignments are due on the date listed above.