World Geography
Unit 2 Plan, Cultural (Human) Geography

**STANDARDS for Unit 2**

**SSWG2 The student will explain the cultural aspects of geography.**

a. Describe the concept of place by explaining how the culture of a region is a product of the region’s physical characteristics.

b. Explain how cultural characteristics of a place can be used to describe a place.

c. Analyze how physical factors such as mountains, climate, and bodies of water interact with the people of a region to produce a distinctive culture.

d. Explain how the development of customs and traditions help to define a culture and a people.

**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 four basic types of economic systems?

What are push/pull factors?

Why is Infant Mortality Rate an important statistic?

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

**Common Core Elements**

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.1](http://www.corestandards.org/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](http://www.corestandards.org/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](http://www.corestandards.org/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:**

Culture Subsistence Farming Commercial Farming

Population Distribution Population Density Civilization

Cultural Hearth Cultural Diffusion Government

Standard of Living Economic System Per Capita Income

Free Enterprise Monarchy Democracy

Landlocked Suburbs Urbanization

Central business District Religion Infant Mortality Rate

Fertility Rate Mortality Rate Birthrate

Push/Pull Factors Gross Domestic Product Infrastructure

Per Capita GDP (GNP) Monotheism Polytheism

Dictatorship Capitalism Socialism

**Daily Plans and Assignments**

Aug 17 Culture: Ch. 4-1pp. 71-77

Aug 18 Culture: Cultural Quilt

Aug 19 Populations: Ch. 4-2 pp. 78-82

Aug 22 Political Geography: Ch. 4-3 pp. 83-86

Aug 23 Urban Geography: Ch. 4-4 pp. 87-90

Aug 24 Economic Geography: Ch. 4-5 pp. 91-95

Aug 25 Resources and Review

Aug 26—Unit 2 Test

NOTE: Assignments are due on the date listed above.