World Geography   
Unit 1 Plan, Physical Geography

**STANDARDS for Unit 1: Physical Geography**

SSWG1 Explain why physical characteristics of place such as landforms, bodies of water, climate, and natural resources act as contributing factors to world settlement patterns.

a. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of North America. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Mississippi River System, the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains, and the Canadian Shield.

b. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of Central and South America. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Andes Mountains, Amazon Basin, Atacama Desert, and the Pampas.

c. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of Europe. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Alps, Pyrenees, and Ural Mountains, and the Rhine, Danube, and Seine Rivers.

d. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of Africa. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Nile River Valley, the Sahara, the Kalahari Desert, the Sahel, and the Congo River Basin.

e. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of Central and Southwest Asia. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Zagros Mountains, Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea.

f. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of South Asia, Southeastern Asia, and Eastern Asia. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Himalayan Mountains and Tibetan Plateau, Gobi Desert, Ganges, Indus, Huang He, and Yangtze Rivers.

g. Identify and describe climates and locations of major physical features of Oceania, including Australia, New Zealand, and Antarctica. Explain how these physical characteristics impact settlement patterns including, but not limited to, the Great Dividing Range and Great Victoria Desert.

h. Describe the spatial distribution of natural resources, including, but not limited to, fuel and energy, agricultural, and mineral sources. Predict how distribution of natural resources continues to impact global settlement patterns.

Daily Plans and Assignments

Jan 7-8 Intro to Class. Syllabus. North America Physical. Chapter 5 pp. 116-133

Jan 9-10 Latin America Physical. Chapter 9 pp. 200-215.

**Physical Map Quiz NA and LA**

Jan 11-14 Europe Physical. Chapter 12 pp. 272-287

Jan 15-16 Africa Physical. Chapter 18 pp. 415-429

**Physical Map Quiz Eur and Africa**

Jan 17-18 SW Asia Physical. Chapter 21 pp. 486-501

Jan 22-23 Asia Physical. Chapter 24 pp. 550-565 and Chapter 27 pp. 618-633

**Physical Map Quiz SW Asia and Asia**

Jan 24 Oceania Physical. Chapter 30 pp. 688-703

Jan 25 **Unit test on Physical Geography**

Vocabulary: Locations on maps are italicized. Should also know significance.

*Appalachian Mountains*

*Great Plains*

*Canadian Shield*

*Rocky Mountains*

Continental Divide

*Great Lakes*

*McKenzie River*

Permafrost

Prevailing westerlies

*Everglades*

Nomad

Beringia

*St. Lawrence Seaway*

Lock

*Andes Mountains*

*Llanos*

*Orinoco River*

Cerrado

*Pampas*

*Amazon River*

*Parana River*

Rain Forest

Slash and burn

Terraced farming

Fjord

Uplands

*Meseta*

*Massif Central*

Peat

North Atlantic Drift

Sirocco

Mistral

Dike

Polder

Seaworks

Terpen

*Zuider Zee*

Ijsselmeer

Basin

*Nile River*

Rift valley

*Mount Kilimanjaro*

Escarpment

*Sahara*

Aquifer

Oasis

*Serengiti Plain*

Canopy

*Niger Delta*

Sahel

Desertification

Aswan High Dam

Silt

Golan Heights

Wadi

*Tigris River*

*Euphrates River*

*Jordan River*

*Dead Sea*

*Rub Al-Khali*

Salt flat

Drip irrigation

Crude oil

Desalinization

Fossil water

Refinery

Archipelago

Atoll

Monsoon

Cyclone

*Ganges River*

Storm surge

Estuary

*Kunlun Mountains*

*Qinling Shandi Mountains*

*Huange He River*

*Chang Jiang River*

Xi Jiang

Typhoon

*Gobi Desert*

*Taklimakan Desert*

Three Gorges Dam

Oceania

High island

Low island

*Great Barrier Reef*

Outback

Bikini Atoll

Lots of vocabulary…many of these are locations on maps so be prepared.