

Geography Final Exam Review Guide

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Background: You will have a final exam that will include questions on different units going back to the beginning of the school year. This review guide will help direct your focus on the material that has been chosen to be on the final exam.

Directions: Use your book, completed assignments and review sheets, and unit tests to complete this review guide. Look closely at the wording of each subject listed below. It will let you know what kind of questions to expect on the test.

Test Format: The format of the questions include matching, multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, and true / false

Ch. 1: The 5 Themes of Geography

- Recognize an example of each of the "5 Themes of Geography" (m/c)

Ch. 2: Landforms and Climate

- Understand the factors that influence climate-fill in the blank

• angle of sun rays - warmer near equator
 • temperature ↓ as elevation ↑
 • near ocean - no temperature extremes
 away from ocean - large temp. extremes
 • near warm ocean currents - warm + rainy
 near cool ocean currents - cool + dry

Ch. 3: Developed and Developing Countries

- Traits of developed/developing countries-read a table containing data on different countries and explain using supporting details whether a country is developed or developing

| | per-capita GDP | life expectancy | literacy rate |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| developed | high (20k) | high (70+) | high (90%+) |
| developing | low | low | low |

USA/Canada:

• Know the similarities between USA and Canada's landforms, history, economy, culture (m/c)
 Landforms - Rocky mtns, Great Lakes, Great plains
 history - former British colonies
 Economy - developed, sell to each other
 Culture - English speaking

- List the main arguments for/against Puerto Rico statehood
 For - can vote in national elections, economy can improve
 Against - loses funding from us government, have to pay income taxes

- List the main arguments for/against independent Quebec
 For - can preserve French culture
 Against - Have to create own army, trade outside of Canada a challenge

Latin America:

- Be able to explain why most of this region speaks Spanish and is Roman Catholic was colonized by Spain who spread their language and religion
- Describe at least two causes of air pollution in Mexico City
 • industry has increased
 • city is surrounded by mountains that trap polluted air
- Know Central America's three leading exports (m/c)

bananas
 coffee
 sugar cane

Europe:

- Understand the following terms in the proper context (know definition and how it specifically relates to Europe): (matching)

- colony / land ~~is~~ claimed + controlled by a European "mother" country
(Great Britain, France, Spain had many colonies)
- republic government where people have ~~a say~~ can participate in decisions
(Ancient Greece was the first; many are democracies now)
- E.U. (European Union) organization of many European countries to improve trade
- Communism - ~~is~~ ^{economic} system where government controls what goods are produced and who gets them
- North Atlantic Current - warm ocean current that brings warmth + moisture to NW Europe.
- Reformation - "to change" ~~the~~ practices (paying for forgiveness of sins) after Martin Luther (1517)
Changes were made to the Christian religions
- Protestants - new branches of Christianity that developed in Europe in 1500s (Reformation)
- navigable - rivers that are deep and wide enough for large ships to pass through. Western Europe's rivers are navigable for trade.

Europe-continued:

- Match each country with its traits:

- U.K.-Industrial Revolution; many overseas colonies
- France-internationally known for its cooking and fashion
- Netherlands-Dikes, polders, Dutch
- Germany-#1 economy and population in Europe
- Switzerland-neutrality
- Italy-Roman Empire, Roman Catholic, Renaissance
- Greek-Ancient empire, birthplace of democracy
- Poland-Solidarity Movement in 1980's

Russia:

- Explain at least three reasons why their climate is cold

Indirect sun rays
receives cold winds from north
far way from warm oceans (interior location)
warm air from south is blocked by mountains

Africa:

North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia:

- List three regional characteristics
— oil is main export and source of income
— most of the people are Muslims who speak Arabic
— most of the region is desert

East Asia and Southeast Asia:

- Explain what made Japan and the Asian Tigers an economic success

They both financially invested in developing their manufacturing so they could export to other countries.

- Know the difference between the amount of economic and political freedom people in China have.

China has given more economic freedom over the past 40 years, allowing people to operate their own business and make a profit. People have very little political freedom. Government responded harshly to Tiananmen Square protest.

South Asia:

- Understand the impact of "outsourcing" on the economy of India *it has increased the number of middle class people who can afford to buy more consumer goods. More middle class people, however, increases the gap between the rich and poor.*
- Know the positive and negative impact of monsoons in this region
 - + Brings necessary rain for crops, ~~leads~~ *flooding leaves silt deposit*
 - Causes flooding that kills people + livestock, destroys homes and crops

Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica:

Know how Australia's history influenced its culture today *It was settled by the British, so English is official language. Cricket, Soccer, and rugby are also popular sports the British influenced*

Who owns Antarctica?

No one owns it. Many countries signed a treaty for using Antarctica for peaceful scientific research.

Countries and Controversies:

- Cuba- Understand political influence of Castro on Cuba and what makes Cuba unique in this region
- Haiti-Recovering slowly from multiple earthquakes this past year. Already the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere
- Venezuela- Associate President Chavez' connection with other world leaders
- Somalia-Civil war, no functioning government, many migrated to Minnesota
- Sudan-Civil war between Muslim north and Christian south
- Brazil-causes and impact of rainforest deforestation
- Iran-outspoken president who wants to destroy Israel, may develop nuclear weapons, has ties to other "dangerous" nations
- Iraq-US troops there to help stabilize their young democracy
- North Korea-Very controlling communist government who restricts information going in and out of the country, threatens their neighbor who they are still technically at war with
- Israel-Jews and Palestinian Muslims continue to fight over land claims

- Nepal- Monarchy recently replaced by communist and democratic government leaders
- Taiwan-Consider themselves as independent nation, but China still claims it as part of their country
- Japan-declining population and workers could hurt their economy in the future
- Sri Lanka-Ongoing civil war. Hindu minority group fighting for independence against Buddhist majority (Sinhalese) (Tamils)

World Religions:

| Match the history / beliefs / practices of: | History | Beliefs/practices |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Judaism | God called Abraham → Canaan → Egypt → Israel → Diaspora → Zionists → Israel 1948 | God's "chosen" people. Celebrate Passover, (freedom from Egypt) and Day of Atonement (forgiveness of sins). Believe messiah is still coming. |
| 2. Christianity | Jesus was promised messiah for who fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, death/resurrection | Jesus, God's son. lived perfect life, and died for our sins, rose again |
| 3. Islam | Muhammed receives vision, teachings recorded in Koran, created large empire | "5 Pillars" ① No god but Allah ② Payment Help poor ③ Prayer 5x-day ④ Fast during Ramadan ⑤ Go to Mecca |
| 4. Hinduism | Ancient religion | All living things have a soul and desire to be reunited w/ Brahmen (eternal spirit). Reincarnation gives them more opportunities to have good karma based on their dharma (actions) |
| 5. Buddhism | Young prince found "truth" by following "8 fold path" | Belief that people suffer because of their attachment to material things. Following 8 fold path helps escape suffering and reach Nirvana: (peace/joy) |

Regional Economy Traits:

Central America-exporting coffee, bananas, and sugar cane

Caribbean-tourism

South America-exporting natural resources, fruit, and grain

Europe-exporting manufactured goods, cars

North Africa, SW Asia, Central Asia-exporting oil

East Asia and SE Asia-exporting electronics, rice

Africa – diamonds, gemstones, minerals

India – outsourcing

Australia – wool, iron ore, tourism