

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

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

USA/Canada:

- Know the similarities between USA and Canada’s landforms, history, economy, culture (m/c)
- List the main arguments for/against Puerto Rico statehood
- List the main arguments for/against independent Quebec

Latin America:

- Be able to explain why most of this region speaks Spanish and is Roman Catholic
- Describe at least two causes of air pollution in Mexico City
- Know Central America’s three leading exports (m/c)

Europe:

- Understand the following terms in the proper context (know definition and how it specifically relates to Europe): (matching)
 1. colony
 2. republic
 3. E.U.
 4. Communism
 5. North Atlantic Current
 6. Reformation
 7. Protestants
 8. navigable

Europe-continued:

- Match each country with its traits:
 1. U.K.-Industrial Revolution; many overseas colonies
 2. France-internationally known for its cooking and fashion
 3. Netherlands-Dikes, polders, Dutch
 4. Germany-#1 economy and population in Europe
 5. Switzerland-neutrality
 6. Italy-Roman Empire, Roman Catholic, Renaissance
 7. Greek-Ancient empire, birthplace of democracy
 8. Poland-Solidarity Movement in 1980's

Russia:

- Explain at least three reasons why their climate is cold

Africa:

North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia:

- List three regional characteristics

East Asia and Southeast Asia:

- Explain what made Japan and the Asian Tigers an economic success
- Know the difference between the amount of economic and political freedom people in China have.

South Asia:

- Understand the impact of “outsourcing” on the economy of India
- Know the positive and negative impact of monsoons in this region

Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica:

Know how Australia’s history influenced its culture today

Who owns Antarctica?

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

World Religions:

- Match the history / beliefs / practices of:
 1. Judaism
 2. Christianity
 3. Islam
 4. Hinduism
 5. Buddhism

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