Viking 3rd Grade 15 Day Challenge: Geography Unit

Unit Objectives (overarching objectives):

- Students will be able to use geographic tools to identify continents and oceans.
- Students will be able to describe the physical features and landforms of Wisconsin.
- Students will be able to compare and contrast types of communities in Wisconsin.

Priority Standards:

SS.Geog1.b.i Identify purposes of and differences among maps, globes, aerial photographs, charts, and satellite images.

SS.Geog2.a.3 Categorize the populations of people living in their state and country. Compare and contrast types of communities (i.e.,rural, suburban, urban, or tribal), and different types of places on Earth (e.g.,community, state, region, country/nation).

SS.Geog5.a.3-4 Compare the positive and negative effects of human actions on our physical environment (e.g., availability of water, fertility of soils) over time

Supporting Standards:

SS.Geog2.b.5 Investigate push and pull factors of movement in their community, state, country, and world.

SS.Geog2.c.5 Describe population changes in their state, and country over time.

Learning Targets:

- I can identify the differences between a map and a globe.
- I can explain the purpose and difference among maps, globes, aerial photographs, charts, and satellite images.
- I can compare and contrast rural, suburban, and urban within Wisconsin using a population map.
- I can compare and contrast rural, suburban, and urban within the United States using a population map.
- I can identify the advantages and disadvantages of living in rural and suburban communities.

Daily Slides for Each Lesson in the Unit

| Day | Lesson Focus and Description | Materials Needed |
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| 1 | What is Geography? • 5 Themes | Webquest Website Worksheet |

| | Types of GeographyTopics of Geography | |
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| 2 | Geography Tools Globes vs. Maps Aerial Photographs and Satellite Images Explore Earth | Google Earth on chromebooks |
| 3 | Map Skills Compass Rose Cardinal and Intermediate Directions Understanding how to use a key or legend on a map Distinguishing between lines of latitude and longitude Prime Meridian Equator Map Scale | Map Skills Flipbook (p. 1, 3, 4-6) Map Vocabulary Practice Page (from Types of Maps p.2) |
| 4 | Political Maps | Types of Maps - Political Maps Practice Page (p.5) |
| 5 | Continents and Oceans Locating the seven continents Locating the five oceans | Map Skills Flipbook (p.2) |
| 6 | Regions of the World • Hemispheres Regions of the United States • 5 Regions of the United States Regions of Wisconsin • Tribal Regions in Wisconsin | Region of United States p.8 & p.10 |
| 7 | Common Formative Assessment Demonstrate Directions Skills with Cardinal Directions Demonstrate Understanding of | CFA: Reading a Map & Using Skills |

| | How to Use a Scale and Legend on a map | |
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| 8 | Population Maps The importance of looking closely on a map legend or key Types of Communities (urban, suburban, rural and tribal) Why is location a factor on population & population changes | Types of Maps (p.6) |
| 9 | Physical Maps Pointing out features on a physical map Landforms and Waterways Raised physical maps | Types of Maps (p.4) Landforms Booklet Landforms and Bodies of Water (Cut & Paste) |
| 10 | Natural Resource Maps Pointing out features on a natural resource map Compare different places producing different resources How resources are dependent on location | Types of Maps (p.7) |
| 11 | Advantages and Disadvantages to Living in Certain Areas • Venn Diagram | Suburban vs. Rural Venn Diagram Suburban vs. Urban Venn Diagram |
| 12 | Weather Maps ■ News Station | Types of Maps (p.8) |
| 13 | Common Formative Assessment Type of Map Matching Purposes of Maps Matching | CFA (Types of Maps p.6 - purpose fill in the blank) |
| 14 | Effects that human actions have on our physical environment | |
| 15 | Common Formative Assessment | CFA (Google Form) |

| • | What hemisphere, United States |
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| | region, and state do we live in? |

- Advantages and disadvantages of living in Holmen
- Using a map to answer questions

- Our Location and +/- Living in Holmen & Answering Questions Using a Map