Geography Eastern Hemisphere

Adoption Guide Extended

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GRADES 6-8

Cengage Learning

World Cultures & Geography Eastern Edition

- **Grades 6-8**
  - **Strengths:** This book balances text, images, and stories. On every page there is informational text and along with that text students will find either a graph, map, or some sort of image that supports the text. Throughout the book the student will also discover articles where they are invited to not only learn about modern day problems but also challenged to find solutions. For example on page 200 and 201 students learn about problems facing Africa's wildlife and are then challenged to become a global citizen and consider ways of protecting African big cats amongst other animals. This text contains colorful maps of the western hemisphere. These maps include physical, political, economic, population and many other forms of maps and graphs. The book along with the pictures that are contained in it are bright and capture the attention. The book is well organized with units, chapters, and sections. At the end of each section there is an ongoing assessment to help students recall what they have previously learned and then at the end of each chapter there is a review and assessment. These assessments are scaffolded very well and sectioned off on different parts so that if the teacher would like to assess just one part they are able to. There are also data, graphs and maps students are asked to analyze. One of the many resources for the teacher is the teacher's edition. The TE is not one book but about 5 smaller books. Each book is 1 unit so as to make finding worksheets, guided projects, and sections of the reading more user friendly.
  - **Weaknesses:** Ethnocentrism is not strongly addressed. However, there textbook does lend itself to discussion about conflicts and relationships that are based on Ethnocentrism.
  - **Key Features:** Print Student Edition in English

Digital resources for students include:

- Interactive Map Tool
- National Geographic videos to showcase Explorers' work and research
- Background-building videos to introduce each unit
- National Geographic resources including custom, authentic maps
- Student handbook with skills, economics and government, and world religion, and glossaries
- Student eEdition
- Modified Text presenting text at two years below class reading level

Teacher Editions (printed); one separate printed Teacher Edition for each unit

- Differentiated instruction for ELLs, Gifted and Talented, Striving Readers, Inclusion, and Pre-AP
- Chapter planners
- Strategies and activities
- Formative Assessment ("Labs")
- Summative Assessment (chapter quizzes, tests at two levels)

Additional teacher resources online including

- Assessment
- Online lesson planner
- Classroom practice
- Interactive whiteboard activities

McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC

Discovering New World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere

- **Grades 6-8**
  - **Strengths:** Structure of text and chapter layout is intuitive. All major themes are laid out in the first three chapters and then practiced and retaught throughout the following 13 chapters. It is visually appealing: bright pictures, graphs, charts. All levels and styles of learning are recognized and supported. The Teacher's Edition provides ample resources and suggestions to enhance the classroom environment.
  - **Weaknesses:** Standard 6-9.GWH.5.1.3 is not covered. The term, Ethnocentrism, is not defined in the book nor is it covered while discussing cultures or how it leads to misunderstandings.
  - **Other:** The review team highly recommends this text and supplementary materials.
  - **Key Features:**

    Features:
    - Bring the world to your students with **Explore the Continent** to introduce the physical and human geography
    - Engage students to learn people, places, culture and history with **The Story Matters** chapter openers, **Step Into Place** maps and **Step Into Time** timelines, **Global Connections** with vibrant interactive maps and animations

- Dynamic standards-based curriculum uses the five themes of geography and integrated Common Core State Standards for English Language History Social Studies ensures mastery of skills
- Customize the learning experience with differentiated instruction, leveled reading, customizable assessments and worksheets, and flexible online learning tools
- Access all of your teaching resources anywhere, anytime with just a point and click

Pearson Prentice Hall

myWorld Geography Survey (Eastern and Western Hemisphere)

- **Grades 6-8**
    - **Strengths:** The My World Geography textbook is targeted for middle school students, 6-8th grade, and all areas of the Western Hemisphere are represented within the text. The My Story sections profiles each region represented in the Western Hemisphere by using a personal interest story of a student in the age range of the targeted reader ex. pg. 255: Daniella's Coffee Run. The student journal can be used to enhance learning and there is an online version of the text to expand learning through technology. The textbook could stand alone without student journals because each chapter has analysis sections within the 21st Century Learning sections, ex. pg. 246: Young and Unemployed in Middle America. Charts, maps, and compare/contrast sections are used throughout the text, ex. pg. 247, 248, 276. Each chapter has an assessment section, with some high level and some basic questions. Students are directed to use the online version for 21st Century Learning in problem solving, ex. Analyze Media Content, pg. 277. This textbook and materials are visually appealing and has a consistent sequence of activities throughout the book. The personal stories (My Story) could be accessed online or read in hard copy format, ex. "Shaimaa's Neighborhood." connected to the student journal, and students answer the question: "What does Shaimaa's story tell you about life in North Africa?" Each chapter has maps and charts for comparison purposes, ex. pg. 552 with essential question: How much does geography shape a country? Assessments have both higher and basic level questions. The DBQ's are basic multiple choice questions, but they are effective to generate a discussion, ex. pg. 733 - documents on South Asia, comparing country's arable land. The teacher guide (Pro Guides) are divided up in multiple booklets and has Differentiated options for higher level students as well as those with special needs, ex. T28 - subject Patterns of Government in Arabia -objectives are stated, and suggestions on how to connect the material to relevance for today, how to adjust for special needs, how to challenge high level thinking, and how to differentiate for ELL students. The student journal has many writing prompts and writing graphic organizers, ex. T36 -T37, Writing to the prompt: What are the challenges of diversity? The journal pages give guidance and then practice in setting up a piece of historical writing. The map and illustrations are specific to the regions represented and

are colorful and easy to read. The textbook is specific to all regions within the Eastern Hemisphere and covers the history of the region, relationship to other countries, political systems and relationship to the United States. It is more than a geography book as it represents the cultural aspects of the various places within the Eastern Hemisphere.

- **Weaknesses:** This text has an extensive coverage of the Western Hemisphere, so weaknesses are few. The text doesn't just cover the geography of a region, it covers the historical background and present day problems of targeted regions as well. If a geography course was a semester long, much of the offered text would need to be set aside to fit curriculum time frame. This text book covers the regions of the Eastern Hemisphere extensively, with both cultural and geographical aspects and goes into detail about the history of the regions. It may be difficult to fit the curriculum scope and sequence into the time frame needed with using this text. The Pro Guides have many suggested activities, but because there are multiple mini sections, searching for the correct guide may hinder planning lessons.
- **Other:** The Pearson My World Geography, Western Hemisphere Text book and materials meet the educational standards of the State of Idaho and is recommended for adoption. The text book and materials: My World Geography, Eastern Hemisphere is recommended for adoption.
- **Key Features:** Personalized opportunities for learning are emphasized through geography, history, and 21st century skills as students take a virtual trip throughout the *Eastern and Western Hemisphere. myWorld Geography* provides innovative online resources, project-based activities, and unprecedented customization options. All students will go beyond the printed page and actively experience the world they live in today. Student Resources include Student Edition and Student Journal, plus virtually based exploration that delivers content in a format that aligns to the Essential Question, engages them in 21st Century learning modules, and has video features to explore new places and cultures as 22 teens from around the world tell their stories in myStory videos. Teacher resources include the Teacher's Edition that combines a lightweight unit-by-unit approach with time-saving strategies, comprehensive lesson plans, activity-based curriculum options, and reproducible student resources. Activity kits provide activity-based learning materials. Hundreds of ready-made GIS mapping files are available for application on Google Earth™ and other mapping systems.
  Pearson Realize allows students and teachers to travel beyond the page with device agnostic technology that blends easily into any classroom. Time-saving activities, interactive presentations, and classroom management tools allow for seamless integration of 21st century skills and daily lesson planning. These include assessments, lesson plans, digital presentations, grading and reporting, customizable content, and 21st Century learning lessons.

myWorld Geography Eastern Hemisphere

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  - **Strengths:** The textbook provides a survey of the regions/countries of the Eastern Hemisphere. Geography standards are well developed and represented with excellent graphs, maps, and other visual representations. The online materials provide teachers and students with opportunity for further exploration and extension.
  - **Weaknesses:** The textbook covers some regions/countries of the Eastern Hemisphere with more depth than others. Teachers will need to supplement for unrepresented or underrepresented regions/countries. Teachers will also need to supplement for several history standards.
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