Geography

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Geography: Grade 1

GRADE(S): 1

About the Course

Discover the earth's continents, the changing seasons, latitude and longitude, map-making, and topographical features. Use a globe, wall maps, and models to explore the concept of place by taking an in-depth look at "home" in North America. Students make models and maps of places that are important to them such as their room, home, and yard.

Placement & Combining Tips

All students in Grade 1 should take this course. Students in Grades 2-3 who have never studied geography may also benefit, though they could likely work at a faster pace.

Scheduling

GRADE	SCHEDULE INFO.	BOOKS
1	Geography: Grade 1 2 times/week 15 min	Down Comes the Rain Elementary Geography Me on the Map The Reasons for Seasons What Makes Day and Night United States Atlas 7th Ed.

Sample Weekly View

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
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Planning & Prep

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☐ Remember to look ahead to see what simple supplies will be needed.

Books & Resources

For book rationales and purchase options, click the Book List link or scan the QR code below.
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Down Comes the Rain


Elementary Geography


Me on the Map


The Reasons for Seasons


What Makes Day and Night


United States Atlas 7th Ed.

Supplies

For supply list details and basic supplies helpful to have on hand, click the links or scan the QR code below.

- View Basic Supplies
- View Supply List Details

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Crayola Model Magic Dough


Kinetic Sand


Magnetic Compass


Globe


Wall World Map


Household Items - Geography: Grade 1

Quick Links

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- Extra Helpings
- Foundations (See Section 16: Geography)

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How To Teach



Overview

The steps below are generally true for most geography lessons. Sometimes several lessons might build together or focus on a particular area (like Map Work).



Introduce

Through questions, observations, an activity, or recalling the last lesson, introduce the topic for the day.



Read

Read and narrate from the assigned book.



Practice

This can include things like demonstrations and map-making.



Map Work

This includes things like answering questions on the map or making your own maps.

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Term 1

WEEK 1

15m Geography: Grade 1 - Lesson 1

Shape of Earth

Materials: Elementary Geography, orange or styrofoam ball, pen or marker

→ READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS
Lesson 1-2 p.3-6 "Sun, Moon, and" - "fourth lesson."

→ DEMONSTRATE
Using the ball or orange, demonstrate the activity from p.6.

★ TEACHER TIP
Students should also be encouraged to narrate using Legos, puppets, or by acting out the scene.

WEEK 1

15m Geography: Grade 1 - Lesson 2

Shape of Earth cont'd

Materials: Elementary Geography, globe, a small object like a toy car

→ RECAP
What did you read last time?

→ OBSERVE
Place the car or small object on the globe and start spinning the globe slowly. If you continue to do this, are there times you cannot see the object? If so, when?

→ READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS
Lesson 4 p.11-12 "We cannot go" - "as the land."

WEEK 2

15m Geography: Grade 1 - Lesson 3

The Earth Turns

Materials: What Makes Day & Night, ball

→ RECAP
What did you read last time?

→ DEMONSTRATE
Can you spin a ball on your finger? Try it.

→ READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS
p.6-15 "We all live" - "day and night."

WEEK 2

15m Geography: Grade 1 - Lesson 4

The Earth Turns

Materials: What Makes Day & Night, lamp

→ RECAP
What did you read last time?

→ READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS
p.16-24 "Imagine you" - "from night to day."

WEEK 3

15m Geography: Grade 1 - Lesson 5

Sunrise and Sunset

Materials: What Makes Day & Night

→ RECAP
What did you read last time?

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Term 1

➜ READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS
p.24-30 "You can see" - "the planet earth."

WEEK 3

⬚ 15m Geography: Grade 1 - Lesson 6
Build a Model

Materials: blocks, Legos, or other objects

➜ RECAP
What did you read last time?

➜ MODELING DAY
Use blocks, Legos, or other objects to make a model of a room (bedroom, classroom, etc.), making sure to orient the model so that it is parallel to the room. See picture for an example.

➜ VIEW
∞ Image Link: Room Model
∞ Image Link: Model Showing Orientation

➜ NOTE
Keep model for next and other future lessons, or take a picture so you can easily rebuild it.

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