

E5/6 USA GEOGRAPHY 2010-11 Syllabus

Welcome to the US Geography course for the year 2010-11! I am looking forward to teaching the geography class this upcoming year, as geography has always been my favorite subject. Learning about God's world and its many intricate details has always fascinated me and this is a chance to share it with your students.

During the course of the year, we will be practicing the location of each state, as well as the capital. To do this, I will divide the class into two teams and have students locate the state mentioned as quickly as possible on a map on the wall. They will also need to tell the capital of that state. We will start with a map that has the state name and capital in writing; then gradually introduce a blank one. The students will also be creating cards which have a clue for each state's capital on it. The children will need to study these throughout the year at home.

Each week, we will focus on a group of 2-3 states to study. I will be bringing in information on these states, including location, geographical features, culture, well-known landmarks, products, sports, and interesting facts. We will study the states, in a regional fashion, starting with the New England States and working our way south and west.

Homework will consist of a moderate selection of maps that the children will need to color and label, creating simple mini booklets and filling in state facts on various worksheets. The average amount of weekly homework will be two to three papers.

We will also be working on a large project during the spring. Each student will need to research and write a report on a particular state that they will be assigned.

At the completion of the year, students will be tested on the states and their capitals. Quizzes will also be given following the study of each U.S. region.

*Supplies needed: colored pencils, pencil and scissors.

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