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## Geography

Geography, the study of the earth's physical and human characteristics, is a broad area of study combining aspects of many different disciplines. In 7th grade Geography, we will focus primarily on human/cultural geography, examining patterns of human movement and migration, elements of culture, and the role that the environment plays in shaping human interaction (and vice-versa). Areas of inquiry include: how population density affects where how and where people live, particularly with regard to spatial inequality; how location impacts development of culture, patterns of human migration, and allocation of resources; what mythology and folklore tell us about cultural attitudes and beliefs; the composition and dissemination of various world religions; the continuing effects of European colonialism around the world; and how humans depend upon, alter, and adapt to the environment.