

World Cultures and Geography

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about how social studies helps people understand cultures of the world
- about the five themes of geography—location, place, region, movement, and human-environment interaction
- about maps and globes

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 1: Welcome to the World

Let's travel. Discuss the kinds of things your family likes to do on vacations. Talk about a place the family would like to visit some day for the first time. Talk about what you think the place's history, culture, and geography are like.

Chapter 2: The Geographer's World

Map making. Together, make a map of your neighborhood. Locate the places your family visits most often (for example, dry cleaner, gas station). Discuss with your child any changes he or she has noticed lately in your area (for example, new stores).

Make It

Guidebook. Choose an interesting place somewhere in the world. Create a guidebook, including pictures with captions and descriptions of the area's best features.

Read to Learn More About It

How Maps Are Made by Martyn Branwell. This book describes how maps were once made and how they are made today using computers, photography, satellite technology, and hand drawing.

My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States by Lee Bennett Hopkins. This collection of poems evokes seven geographical regions of the United States.

The Science Chef Travels Around the World: Fun Food Experiments and Recipes for Kids by Joan D'Amico. This book on foods from around the world combines math and science with a multicultural viewpoint.



Technology

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