



# Switched-On

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## Curriculum Catalog

History and Geography 400

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### Course Overview

History and Geography 400 continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God's activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course focuses on World Geography, describing the surface of the earth and its natural features (biomes). It also teaches about cultural distinctives, placing special emphasis on North American geography and culture. Then, expanding on instruction, it presents a survey of earth and space explorations. These areas of focus target three major content strands: Geography, History, and Social Studies Skills.

#### Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- identify significant explorers, such as Prince Henry, Christopher Columbus, and Ferdinand Magellan, noting their accomplishments
- locate and describe different regions of the world, such as climactic and topographical regions
- understand the world in spatial terms (according to hemispheres and maps)
- locate and describe U.S. regions made up of various groups of states, such as New England and the plains states
- identify cultural and geographic differences between various biomes and countries that are covered in the course

#### Additional Resources

In addition to the default course program, History and Geography 400 includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

UNIT 1: OUR EARTH	
Assignment Titles	
1. Course Overview	11. Recent Exploration of Earth-Part 1
2. Maps	12. Recent Exploration of Earth-Part 2
3. Oceans	13. Report: Space Flight
4. Continents	14. Report: Space Missions
5. Rivers and Lakes	15. Quiz 3
6. Quiz 1	16. Special Project
7. Early Exploration of Earth-Part 1	17. Review Game
8. Project: Spices	18. Test
9. Early Exploration of Earth-Part 2	19. Alternate Test
10. Quiz 2	20. Reference

UNIT 2: SEAPORT CITIES	
Assignment Titles	
1. Seaports	15. Turkish Culture
2. Project: Map Part 1	16. Quiz 3
3. Australia	17. London-Part 1
4. Sydney	18. Project: Map Part 3
5. Report: Animals	19. Essay: Name the Parts
6. Project: Australian Flag	20. London-Part 2
7. Quiz 1	21. British Culture
8. Hong Kong-Part 1	22. Project: Map Part 4
9. Hong Kong-Part 2	23. Quiz 4
10. Chinese Culture	24. Special Project
11. Quiz 2	25. Review Game
12. Istanbul-Part 1	26. Test
13. Project: Map Part 2	27. Alternate Test
14. Istanbul-Part 2	28. Reference

**UNIT 3: DESERT LANDS**
**Assignment Titles**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. What is a Desert?                 | 10. Project: Nomads     |
| 2. Life in the Desert                | 11. Modern Ways of Life |
| 3. Project: Plants and the Desert    | 12. Project: Inventions |
| 4. Project: Desert Animals           | 13. Quiz 3              |
| 5. Quiz 1                            | 14. Special Project     |
| 6. Northern Hemisphere Deserts       | 15. Review Game         |
| 7. Southern Hemisphere Deserts       | 16. Test                |
| 8. Quiz 2                            | 17. Alternate Test      |
| 9. How Do People Live in the Desert? | 18. Reference           |

**UNIT 4: GRASSLANDS**
**Assignment Titles**

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Grasslands             | 11. Quiz 2           |
| 2. The Ukraine-Part 1     | 12. Argentina-Part 1 |
| 3. The Ukraine-Part 2     | 13. Argentina-Part 2 |
| 4. The Ukraine-Part 3     | 14. Argentina-Part 3 |
| 5. Quiz 1                 | 15. Quiz 3           |
| 6. Kenya-Part 1           | 16. Special Project  |
| 7. Kenya-Part 2           | 17. Review Game      |
| 8. Kenya-Part 3           | 18. Test             |
| 9. Project: Kenyan Safari | 19. Alternate Test   |
| 10. Kenya-Part 4          | 20. Reference        |

**UNIT 5: TROPICAL RAINFORESTS**
**Assignment Titles**

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| 1. Rainforests of the World              | 11. History of the Congo           |
| 2. Plants and Animals of the Rainforest  | 12. Report: The Livingstone Story  |
| 3. People and the Rainforest             | 13. People of the Congo Rainforest |
| 4. Report: Rainforest Plants and Animals | 14. Quiz 3                         |
| 5. Quiz 1                                | 15. Special Project                |
| 6. The Amazon                            | 16. Review Game                    |
| 7. History of Amazonia                   | 17. Test                           |
| 8. Amerindians of the Amazon             | 18. Alternate Test                 |
| 9. Quiz 2                                | 19. Reference                      |
| 10. The Congo Rainforest                 |                                    |

**UNIT 6: THE POLAR REGIONS**
**Assignment Titles**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. The Polar Regions            | 10. The Antarctic Polar Region |
| 2. Ice and Icebergs             | 11. The Last Place on Earth    |
| 3. Quiz 1                       | 12. Report: Polar Explorer     |
| 4. Arctic Polar Region          | 13. Quiz 3                     |
| 5. Arctic Plant and Animal Life | 14. Special Project            |
| 6. Report: Arctic Animal        | 15. Review Game                |
| 7. Life in the Arctic           | 16. Test                       |
| 8. The Arctic Today             | 17. Alternate Test             |
| 9. Quiz 2                       | 18. Reference                  |

**UNIT 7: MOUNTAIN COUNTRIES**
**Assignment Titles**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Mountain Regions   | 10. Switzerland of the Alps |
| 2. The Andes and Peru | 11. Swiss History           |
| 3. Peru Today         | 12. Switzerland Today       |
| 4. Quiz 1             | 13. Quiz 3                  |
| 5. The Himalayas      | 14. Special Project         |
| 6. Nepal              | 15. Review Game             |
| 7. Nepalese History   | 16. Test                    |
| 8. Nepal Today        | 17. Alternate Test          |
| 9. Quiz 2             | 18. Reference               |

**UNIT 8: LIVING IN ISLAND COUNTRIES**
**Assignment Titles**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Islands of the World | 11. Japanese History          |
| 2. Cuba                 | 12. Life in Japan             |
| 3. Cuban History        | 13. Japanese Religion and Art |
| 4. Life in Cuba         | 14. Quiz 3                    |
| 5. Quiz 1               | 15. Special Project           |
| 6. Iceland              | 16. Review Game               |
| 7. History of Iceland   | 17. Test                      |
| 8. Icelandic Life       | 18. Alternate Test            |
| 9. Quiz 2               | 19. Reference                 |
| 10. Japan               |                               |

**UNIT 9: NORTH AMERICA**
**Assignment Titles**

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Geography                       | 10. Mexico          |
| 2. Peninsulas, Oceans, and Islands | 11. Central America |
| 3. Climate, Resources, and Culture | 12. West Indies     |
| 4. Quiz 1                          | 13. Quiz 3          |
| 5. Greenland                       | 14. Special Project |
| 6. Canada                          | 15. Review Game     |
| 7. United States-Part 1            | 16. Test            |
| 8. United States-Part 2            | 17. Alternate Test  |
| 9. Quiz 2                          | 18. Reference       |

**UNIT 10: OUR WORLD IN REVIEW**
**Assignment Titles**

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Review of Geography               | 13. Review of Antarctica             |
| 2. Review of Exploration             | 14. Quiz 3                           |
| 3. Review of Europe                  | 15. Review of North America          |
| 4. Quiz 1                            | 16. Review of the United States      |
| 5. Review of Asia-Part 1             | 17. Review of the North Polar Region |
| 6. Review of Asia-Part 2             | 18. Quiz 4                           |
| 7. Review of Africa                  | 19. Special Project                  |
| 8. Quiz 2                            | 20. Review Game                      |
| 9. Review of Australia               | 21. Test                             |
| 10. Project: Investigate the Mystery | 22. Alternate Test                   |
| 11. Review of South America-Part 1   | 23. Reference                        |
| 12. Review of South America-Part 2   |                                      |