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THREE-YEAR GEOGRAPHY CYCLE

As part of my homeschool co-op's shared curriculum map, this is the geography cycle we currently follow. We focus on memorizing the names, locations, and spelling of all countries, major physical characteristics of continents, U.S. states and capitals, and general geography terminology (like latitude and longitude).

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<i>Year</i>	<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
Year One	Africa	Europe
Year Two	Asia	Oceania and Americas
Year Three	United States and Capitals	Review

See below for a specific outline of world regions by week for each year.

YEAR 1, First Semester - AFRICA

Week	Subject	Facts Included in Learning Song		
1	AFRICAN NATURAL FEATURES	Sahara Desert Savanna	Great Rift Valley Central African Rainforest	South African Plateau Ethiopian Highlands
2	NORTH AFRICA	Egypt Libya Tunisia <i>Also included: Sahara Desert, Nile River, Tomb of Pharaoh</i>	Morocco Western Sahara Canary Islands (Spain)	Algeria
3	WEST AFRICA PART 1	Mauritania Mali Niger	Gambia Guinea-Bissau Guinea	Senegal Sierra Leone
4	WEST AFRICA PART 2	Liberia Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) Burkina Faso	Togo Benin Nigeria	Ghana Cape Verde
5	CENTRAL AFRICA PART 1	Chad Cameroon <i>Also included: Nile River, Sahara Desert</i>	Sudan South Sudan	Central African Republic
6	CENTRAL AFRICA PART 2	Equatorial Guinea Sao Tomè and Principe <i>Also included: Congo River, Central African Rainforest, Equator</i>	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Gabon Republic of the Congo
7	HORN OF AFRICA	Somalia Ethiopia <i>Also included: Peninsula, Arabian Sea</i>	Eritrea Djibouti	
8	EAST AFRICA	Kenya Uganda Burundi <i>Also included: Lake Victoria, Mt. Kilimanjaro</i>	Rwanda Tanzania	
9	SOUTHERN AFRICA PART 1	Angola Zambia	Mozambique Zimbabwe	Malawi
10	SOUTHERN AFRICA PART 2	Namibia Botswana <i>Also included: Cape of Good Hope, Victoria Falls</i>	Lesotho Swaziland	South Africa

11	SOVEREIGN ISLAND NATIONS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros Seychelles	Madagascar Mauritius
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Also included: Mozambique Channel

YEAR 1, Second Semester - EUROPE

Week	Subject	Facts Included in Learning Song		
12	CONTINENTS	North America South America Europe	Asia Africa Australia	Antarctica
13	OCEANS	Atlantic Arctic	Southern Indian	Pacific
14	EUROPEAN SEAS	Norwegian Sea North Sea Baltic Sea	Adriatic Sea Aegean Sea Black Sea	Mediterranean Sea
15	BRITISH ISLES	Ireland United Kingdom <i>Also included: North Atlantic Ocean, Isle</i>	Scotland Wales	Northern Ireland England
16	NORDIC REGION	Norway Sweden <i>Also included: Arctic Circle, Territory</i>	Denmark Iceland	Greenland Finland
17	WESTERN EUROPE	Germany Netherlands Belgium <i>Also included: Rhine River, Danube River, Alps</i>	France Switzerland Austria	Liechtenstein Luxembourg
18	MEDITERRANEAN REGION PART 1	Vatican City San Marino Italy <i>Also included: Ionian Sea, Strait of Gibraltar</i>	Andorra Spain Portugal	Monaco
19	MEDITERRANEAN REGION PART 2	Malta Albania <i>Also included: Island, Bosphorus Straits</i>	Cyprus Crete	Greece
20	EASTERN EUROPE PART 1	Poland Czech Republic	Hungary Romania	Slovakia Bulgaria
21	EASTERN EUROPE PART 2	Macedonia Kosovo Serbia <i>Also included: Black Sea, Carpathian Mountains, Balkan Mountains, Adriatic Sea</i>	Montenegro Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia	Slovenia
22	EASTERN EUROPE PART 3	Belarus	Moldova	Ukraine

23	BALTIC REGION	Estonia <i>Also included: Baltic Sea</i>	Lithuania	Latvia
24	CAUCASUS REGION	Georgia <i>Also included: Caspian Sea, Black Sea</i>	Armenia	Azerbaijan
25	TRANSCONTINENTAL COUNTRIES	Russia <i>Also included: Europe, Asia</i>	Turkey	Kazakhstan

YEAR 2, First Semester - ASIA

Week	Subject	Facts Included in Learning Song		
1	BOUNDARY BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA	Ural Mountains Ural River Caspian Sea Caucasus Mountains	Sea of Marmara Aegean Sea Isthmus of the Suez	Europe Asia Black Sea
2	CENTRAL ASIA	Uzbekistan Turkmenistan <i>Also included: Karakum Desert, Former states of the Soviet Union</i>	Tajikistan Afghanistan	Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan
3	MIDDLE EAST WATERS	Black Sea Sea of Marmara Mediterranean Sea	Arabian Sea Gulf of Oman Persian Gulf	Red Sea Gulf of Aden Caspian Sea
4	MIDDLE EAST, EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN	Cyprus Turkey Syria <i>Also included: Mesopotamian Valley, Tigris River, Euphrates River, Mediterranean Sea</i>	Territory of Palestine Jordan Iraq	Lebanon Israel Iran
5	MIDDLE EAST, ARABIAN PENINSULA	Saudi Arabia Kuwait Bahrain <i>Also included: Arabian Desert, Earth, Arabian Peninsula</i>	United Arab Emirates Oman Yemen	Qatar
6	SOUTHERN ASIA	Pakistan India Nepal <i>Also included: Subcontinent, Himalayan Mountains</i>	Bhutan Sri Lanka Maldives	Bangladesh
7	SOUTHEAST ASIA, MAINLAND	Myanmar (Burma) Thailand	Vietnam Cambodia	Laos Malaysia
8	SOUTHEAST ASIA, MARITIME	Philippines Brunei <i>Also included: City-state, Malaysia, East Timor</i>	Singapore Timor Leste	Indonesia
9	EAST ASIA	Japan South Korea North Korea <i>Also included: Pacific Rim</i>	Hong Kong China Mongolia	Taiwan

10	CAUCASUS AND NORTHERN ASIA	Russia Georgia <i>Also included: Siberia, Tundra</i>	Armenia Azerbaijan	
11	SEAS OF EAST ASIA	Bering Sea Sea of Okhotsk Sea of Japan	North China Sea South China Sea Bay of Bengal	Yellow Sea Gulf of Thailand

YEAR 2, Second Semester - OCEANIA

Week	Subject	Facts Included in Learning Song		
12	REGIONS OF OCEANIA	Polynesia Melanesia	Micronesia Australasia	
<i>Also mentioned: South Pacific Ocean, Easter Island, island</i>				
13	AUSTRALIA + MELANESIA	Australia Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu Fiji	Solomon Islands
<i>Also mentioned: Coral Sea, Great Barrier Reef</i>				
14	MICRONESIA	Palau Federated States of	Marshall Islands Nauru	Micronesia Kiribati
<i>Also mentioned: Guam, Mariana Islands, Wake Island</i>				
15	POLYNESIA	New Zealand Cook Islands	Samoa Tonga	Niue Tuvalu

YEAR 2, Second Semester (cont.) - AMERICAS

Week	Subject	Facts Included in Learning Song		
16	SOUTH AMERICA NATURAL FEATURES	Llanos Guiana Highlands Amazon Basin	Andes Mountains Pampas Patagonia	Atacama Desert Tierra del Fuego Brazilian Highlands
<i>Also included: topography</i>				
17	SOUTH AMERICA PART 1	Ecuador Colombia	Guyana Suriname	French Guiana Venezuela
<i>Also included: Caribbean</i>				
18	SOUTH AMERICA PART 2	Peru Bolivia Chile	Paraguay Brazil Uruguay	Argentina
<i>Also included: Patagonia, Amazon</i>				
19	CENTRAL AMERICA	Guatemala Belize El Salvador	Nicaragua Costa Rica Panama	Honduras
<i>Also included: isthmus</i>				
20	NORTH AMERICA	Canada	Mexico	United States of America

21	CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, GREATER ANTILLES	Bahamas Cuba <i>Also included: island, Caribbean, Hispaniola</i>	Dominican Republic Haiti	Jamaica
22	CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, LESSER ANTILLES	St. Kitts and Nevis Antigua and Barbuda Dominica	Barbados St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Grenada Trinidad and Tobago St. Lucia
23	LONGITUDE and LATITUDE	Longitude Latitude	Prime Meridian Equator	
24	HEMISPHERES	Earth Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere Eastern Hemisphere	Western Hemisphere	North South East West

YEAR 3, First Semester - U.S. STATES AND CAPITALS

<i>Week</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Facts Included in Learning Song</i>		
1	PACIFIC STATES	Juneau, Alaska Olympia, Washington	Sacramento, California Honolulu, Hawaii	Salem, Oregon
2	MOUNTAIN STATES	Boise, Idaho Helena, Montana	Denver, Colorado Salt Lake City, Utah	Cheyenne, Wyoming Carson City, Nevada
3	SOUTHWESTERN STATES	Phoenix, Arizona Santa Fe, New Mexico	Austin, Texas	
4	CENTRAL STATES	Bismarck, North Dakota Pierre, South Dakota Lincoln, Nebraska	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Jefferson City, Missouri Des Moines, Iowa	Topeka, Kansas St. Paul, Minnesota
5	GREAT LAKE STATES	Madison, Wisconsin Lansing, Michigan	Indianapolis, Indiana Columbus, Ohio	Springfield, Illinois
6	SOUTHERN STATES	Little Rock, Arkansas Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Montgomery, Alabama Nashville, Tennessee	Frankfurt, Kentucky Jackson, Mississippi
7	SOUTHEASTERN STATES	Charleston, West Virginia Richmond, Virginia	Columbia, South Carolina Atlanta, Georgia	Tallahassee, Florida Raleigh, North Carolina
8.	MID-ATLANTIC STATES	Albany, New York Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Dover, Delaware Annapolis, Maryland	Trenton, New Jersey
9.	NEW ENGLAND STATES	Augusta, Maine Concord, New Hampshire	Boston, Massachusetts Hartford, Connecticut	Montpelier, Vermont Providence, Rhode Island
The remainder of the semester can be used to review all world geography or introduce physical North American features.				