

**Unit Title: Introduction to Geographic Skills**

**Grade Level: 8**

**Subject Area: 8th Grade Social Studies**

**Duration/Length/Number of class periods: 7 class periods**

**Description:** This unit will introduce map skills using the TODALLS method, different types of landforms, the purpose of different types of maps used by geographers (cartographers), and the 5 Themes of Geography.

**Established Goals - Minnesota State Standards**

8.3.1.1.1 Obtain and analyze geographic information from a variety of sources to investigate places or answer geographic questions

8.3.1.1.2 Create and use various kinds of maps, including overlaying thematic maps, of places in the world; incorporate the “TODALSS map basics, as well as points, lines and colored areas to display spatial information

8.3.1.1.3 Use appropriate geographic tools to analyze and explain the distribution of physical and human characteristics of places




**What Enduring Understandings are desired?**

1. Students will be able evaluate information from different types of maps
2. Students will have a framework to understand different cultures

**What Essential Questions will be considered?**

1. What are the features of an effective map?
2. How can different types of maps convey information more effectively?
3. How do different landforms affect where humans choose to live?
4. How can the 5 Themes help us to better understand different cultures?

**Students will know / be able to:**

Description	Formative	Summative	Introductory Activity	Learning Activity	Student Technology Used	Teacher Technology Used	ISTE Standards
<i>Units must include at least one of each formative, summative, introductory activity and learning activity. Check the appropriate box; one per row.</i>							
<b>Day 1</b>							
- Introductory <a href="#">Where in the World</a> Paired Activity w/Discussion *	x		x	x	x	x	1,2,4,6
- Unit 1 <a href="#">GeoJournal</a> - Respond to the questions in your Notebook	x		x	x			
<b>Day 2</b>							
<p>- Intro to the 5 Themes - Textbook Questions (Text and Digital versions available) * <b>Moodle Activity</b></p> <p>✦ Introduction to Geography <a href="#">Edit</a></p> <p>✦  Introduction to the 5 Themes of Geography <a href="#">Edit</a>  </p> <p><input type="text" value="Add a resource..."/> <input type="text" value="Add an activity..."/></p>				x	x		3,5,6
- <a href="#">Kahoot</a> on 5 Themes of Geography	x			x	x	x	1,5,6
<b>Day 3</b>							
Review of 5 Themes Notes - (10 min)				x		x	3
Outside Activity - <a href="#">Find Evidence of the 5 Themes at OMS</a>				x	x	x	1,2,3
Group Discussion/Share - <a href="#">Respond to Reflection Questions</a>				x	x		1,2,4
<b>Day 4</b>							
Create a Visual Representation of the 5 Themes*		x		x	x		1,4,6
<b>Day 5</b>							
- Prezi <a href="#">Notes</a> on TODALSS (15 min)			x	x	x	x	7
- Use notes to complete <a href="#">TODALSS Worksheet</a>				x	x	x	5
- Notes on <a href="#">Map Types</a> (10 min)				x		x	7
- Use notes to help answer Special Purpose Maps Worksheet *							5
- <a href="#">Create a Map Assignment</a>				x	x		3,4,5,6
<b>Day 6</b>							
- Work on maps				x	x		3,4,5,6
- <a href="#">Kahoot</a> on TODALLS & Map Types	x			x	x	x	1,5,6

<b>Day 7</b>							
- Unit 1 Quiz		x			6		
- Map Gallery - Display of completed maps							

**Materials, tools and resources - Textbook, HP Streams, Student Devices (Cell Phone, Tablets),**  
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