

WORLD CULTURES & GEOGRAPHY

FINAL EXAM STUDY GUIDE 2019

Format of the final will include three parts

- a) 80 multiple choice questions covering material from each of four units
- b) Map test of 66 countries including Africa / Asia / Latin America
- c) Written essay response incorporating 5 Themes & 7 Elements
 - be able to define, apply, and analyze the 5 Themes & 7 Elements

Unit 1 – Intro to Geography

Geography Concepts - lines of latitude & longitude, Tropic of Cancer, Prime Meridian, etc.

Geographic Location - where is/are – continents and oceans

Jared Diamond-Guns Germs and Steel - Geographic luck, domesticated crops/animals

7 Elements of Culture - what are they, describe/define

5 Themes of Geography - what are they, describe/define

Unit 2 – Latin America

History of Spanish conquest of the Americas

Applying Cultural Convergence & Ethnocentrism

Geography - Andes R., Rio Grande, Caribbean Sea, Mato Grosso Plateau

How did Guns, Germs, Steel apply here - Cortes, Pizarro, books, guns, control the king, disease

History of Mexico – rigid social pyramid, ethnicity - mestizo, independence

Modern Mexico - dominance of the PRI, economic changes- privatization, NAFTA - good vs.bad, drug cartels, immigration, political rebellion - Zapatistas

What is a maquiladora - US moved factory jobs to Mexico (shoes & avocados) sweatshop and race to the bottom

Rainforest - Brazil's economy, cattle and soybeans, deforestation

Unit 3 – Africa

Describe Imperialism & Colonization – why, what were they effects, Berlin Conference

Geography of Africa - escarpments, Nile R., cataracts, growing Sahara, mineral wealth

South Africa – Dutch and British Colony, mineral wealth, Apartheid –homelands, passbooks, Mandela – forgiveness & moving forward

Conflict Minerals - Tantalum, Tin, Tungsten, Gold, rebel groups/stealing, mixed in Asian smelters with legitimately mined minerals, Sierra Leone – history with civil war, diamonds contribute to GDP, illegal diamond trade, child soldiers, Kimberley Process

Unit 4 – Asia

Population of Asia changing, future, governments - Theocracy of Tibet

Communist government of China but growing market economy

Geography of Asia - review atlas worksheets

Globalization – definition and explanation (pros vs. cons), sweatshops, race to the bottom, examples

North Korea - history of North Korea, Kim Jong-Un, Foreign Relationships, economy, nuclear program, human rights violations, deadly volatile aggressive leadership of supreme leader