



Grade 5 North American Geography Year At-A-Glance

Overview: In this course, 5th-grade students will explore the diverse regions of North America. The overarching focus is to develop essential map and geography skills while understanding how our environment shapes our lives. Students will learn to identify and locate major North American regions on maps, as well as explore the physical boundaries and political divisions of countries within North America. They'll study physical features (such as mountains, rivers, and climate) and political features (such as capitals and borders). Students will examine economic activities specific to each region. Students will trace the historical development of region by learning about indigenous cultures, colonization, and significant events that shaped each area. Additionally, they will also explore cultural diversity, traditions, and contemporary challenges faced by communities. By the end of this course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of North America's geography, culture, and its impact on our daily lives.

<u>Quarter 1</u>	<u>Unit 1: Map & Globe Skills</u> (10 class days)	<u>Unit 2: The American Northeast</u> (20 class days)	<u>Unit 3: The American Southeast</u> (19 class days)
<u>Quarter 2</u>	<u>Unit 4: The American Midwest</u> (17 class days)	<u>Unit 5: The American Southwest</u> (16 class days)	<u>Unit 6: The American West</u> (9 class days)
<u>Quarter 3</u>	<u>Unit 6: The American West</u> (Continued- 10 class days)	<u>Unit 7: Canada</u> (16 class days)	<u>Unit 8: Mexico</u> (16 class days)
<u>Quarter 4</u>	<u>Unit 9: Central America</u> (20 class days)	<u>Unit 10: Caribbean Islands</u> (20 class days)	

Quarterly unit guides will be released prior to the start of each quarter.

Quarter 1: August 18 – October 31 (49 days)

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 1	Unit 1: Map & Globe Skills	10 class days	NAG.1a Types of Maps NAG.1b Information on Maps NAG.1c Continents and Oceans NAG.1d Equator and Prime Meridian NAG.1e Latitude and longitude NAG.1f Use of GPS NAG.2a Define Geography NAG.2b Five Themes of Geography NAG.2c Geography of Continents
	Unit 2: The American Northeast	20 class days	NAG.3a Key Political Features NAG.3b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.3c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.3d Population NAG.3e Life Today
	Unit 3: The American Southeast	19 class days	NAG.4a Key Political Features NAG.4b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.4c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.4d Population NAG.4e Life Today

Quarter 2: November 5 – January 22 (42 Days)

Quarter 2 Unit Guides will be released on October 10, 2025

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 2	Unit 4: The American Midwest	17 class days	NAG.5a Key Political Features NAG.5b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.5c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.5d Population NAG.5e Life Today
	Unit 5: The American Southwest	16 class days	NAG.6a Key Political Features NAG.6b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.6c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.6d Population NAG.6e Life Today
	Unit 6: The American West	9 class days	NAG.7a Key Political Features NAG.7b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.7c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.7d Population NAG.7e Life Today

Quarter 3: January 27 – March 27 (42 Days)

Quarter 3 Unit Guides will be released on December 19, 2025

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 3	Unit 6: The American West (Continued)	10 class days	NAG.7a Key Political Features NAG.7b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.7c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.7d Population NAG.7e Life Today
	Unit 7: Canada	16 class days	NAG.8a Key Political Features NAG.8b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.8c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.8d Population NAG.8e Life Today
	Unit 8: Mexico	16 class days	NAG.9a Key Political Features NAG.9b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.9c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.9d Population NAG.9e Life Today

Quarter 4: April 7 – June 12 (47 Days)

Quarter 4 Unit Guides will be released on March 6, 2026

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 4	Unit 9: Central America	20 class days	NAG.10a Key Political Features NAG.10b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.10c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.10d Population NAG.10e Life Today
	Unit 10: Caribbean Islands	20 class days	NAG.11a Key Political Features NAG.11b Physical, Climate Characteristics NAG.11c Natural Resources and Economic Activity NAG.11d Population NAG.11e Life Today

Note: This quarter includes 40 days of instruction to allow flexibility for end of the year events.