



What Citizens Need to Know About World Affairs



What Citizens Need to Know About World Affairs addresses select Michigan Social Studies Curriculum Standards.

II. Geographic Perspective High School

Content Standard 1: All students will describe, compare, and explain the locations and characteristics of places, cultures, and settlements. (People, Places and Cultures)

1. Describe how major world issues and events affect various people, societies, places, and cultures in different ways.
2. Explain how culture might affect women's and men's perspectives.

- *Part IV, Global Issues, examines issues such as population, food, resources, environment, defense and human rights. Related web sites such as Online NewsHour - AIDS in Africa, World Resource Institution Home Page, and Biological Weapons Collection allow for in depth research into these issues.*
- *Chapter 3, Cultural Perspectives, discusses the issue of culture and the role it plays in individual's lives.*

Content Standard 2: All students will describe, compare, and explain the locations and characteristics of ecosystems, resources, human adaptation, environmental impact, and the interrelationships among them. (Human/Environment Interaction)

1. Describe the environmental consequences of major world processes and events.
2. Assess the relationship between property ownership and the management of natural resources.

- *Chapter 15 examines the environment and the affects of pollution on world populations.*
- *Chapter 14 examines the world's natural resources. Topics include scarcity and distribution, resources and industry, oil and natural gas and energy decisions.*

Content Standard 3: All students will describe, compare, and explain the locations and characteristics of economic activities, trade, political activities, migration, information flow, and the interrelationships among them. (Location, Movement and Connections)

1. Describe major world patterns of economic activity and explain the reasons for the patterns.
2. Explain how events have causes and consequences in different parts of the world.

- *Chapter 4 discusses the various economic systems.*
- *Chapter 8 discusses trade and trading patterns and the international marketplace. Links to web sites such the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Home Page and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) provide supplemental text information.*
- *Chapter 9 discusses economic development in developing countries.*

Content Standard 4: All students will describe and compare characteristics of ecosystems, states, regions, countries, major world regions, and patterns and explain the processes that created them. (Regions, Patterns, Processes)

1. Explain how major world processes affect different world regions.
2. Explain how major world regions are changing.
3. Explain how processes like population growth, economic development, urbanization resource use, international trade, global communication, and environmental impact are affecting different world regions.
4. Describe major patterns of economic development and political systems and explain some of the factors causing them.

- *Part I, Global Perspectives, provides a look at the world from varying perspectives, spatial, time, and cultural.*
- *Chapter 12 investigates the effect of population growth on world regions.*
- *Chapter 10 examines international relations of nations around the world.*
- *Chapter 11 looks at international organizations as a means of discussing the interconnectedness of countries throughout the world regions.*
- *Chapter 4 discusses various political and economic systems.*
- *Chapter 15 examines the environment and the impact of urbanization.*

Content Standard 5: All students will describe and explain the causes, consequences, and geographic context of major global issues and events. (Global Issues and Events)

1. Explain how geography and major world processes influence major world events.
2. Explain the causes and importance of global issues involving cultural stability and change, economic development and international trade, resource use, environmental impact, conflict and cooperation, and explain how they may affect the future.

- *Part II, Global Dynamics, examines balance of power, technology, manufacturing, trade, and development.*
- *Part III, Global Decision-Making addresses international relations and organizations.*
- *Part IV, Global Issues, includes topics such as the environment, human rights, and defense.*
- *Part V, World Regions – A Historical Sketch, focuses on Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas. Each region’s unique development and challenges are discussed.*