

M-Step Review 6-8

Your job is to review the following questions with your assigned group. Do not skip around. You make take notes on a separate sheet of paper if you would like. The goal is for your group to discuss these various topics and re-familiarize yourself with topics covered from years ago.

Unit 1 - Foundations of Geography

Why do geographers use a variety of maps to represent the world?
What are the significant physical features of earth?

Unit 2 - Migration and Population

How does migration affect the lives of people and the character of places (Chapter 8)?
How does urbanization affect the lives of people and the character of places (3.7)?
What are some Global Problems Related to Population (3.8)?
What are some solutions to problems related to population (3.9)?

Unit 3 - Culture

What is Culture (4.1)?
How do indigenous peoples preserve their traditional culture while adapting to modern life (Chapter 10)?
What are Some Barriers and Responses to Cultural Diffusion (4.6)?

Unit 4 - HEI

How can one country's pollution become another country's problem? (Ch. 16)
What are Some of the Consequences of Human Modification of the Environment? (5.8)
How does technology impact the environment? (5.9)
How are environmental issues related to conflict? (5.10)

Unit 5 - World Trade

How might having a valuable resource affect a region? (Ch. 24)

What Role Does Government Play in Economy? (6.2)

7th Grade Essential Questions

Unit 1:

Why is it important to treat maps and history as accounts?

How do historians know and create accounts about the past?

Why might historians have different and sometimes conflicting versions of the same event?

Unit 2:

How do we learn about humans and human ancestors in prehistoric times, before there was writing?

How and why did Humanity spread across the earth?

How did the natural environment shape the ways people lived in the paleolithic era?

How and why did many humans begin to shift from full time foraging to living in settled villages?

Unit 3: Indus Valley, Mesopotamia: Sumer & Babylonia, The Nile

How did geography shape the way in which people lived in various world zones during Era 2?

How and why did civilizations develop during Era 2?

What new problems and solutions emerged from living in Civilizations during Era 2?

What role did cultural diffusion play during Era 2?

Unit 4: Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Gupta Period, China: Shang Dynasty, Han Dynasty & Tang Dynasty

Why did some civilizations develop into large-scale empires while others did not?

How and why did changes in social institutions change how people lived in large-scale empires?

How did empires change exchanges between peoples across large expanses of territory?

How did the emergence of world religions both influence and reflect the rise of empires?

8th Grade Essential Questions

Unit 1: Revolution in the Colonies

When is it necessary for citizens to rebel against their government?

What principles of government are expressed in the Declaration of Independence?

How was the Continental army able to win the war of independence from Great Britain?

Unit 2: Forming a New Nation

What compromises emerged from the Constitutional Convention?

How has the Constitution created “a more perfect Union”?

What Freedoms does the Bill of Rights protect and why are they important?

Unit 3: Launching the New Republic

How did the Federalist and Republican visions for the United States differ?

To what extent should the U.S. have become involved in world affairs in the early 1800's?

What did it mean to be an American in the early 1800's?

Unit 4: An Expanding Nation

How justifiable was U.S. expansion in the 1800's?

What were the motives, hardships and legacies of groups that moved west?

Unit 5- Americans in the Mid-1800s

To what extent did the reform movements of the mid-1800s improve life for Americans?

How was life in the North Different from life in the South?

How did African Americans face slavery and discrimination in the mid-1800's?

Unit 6- The Union Challenged

Which events of the mid-1800's kept the nation together and which events pulled it apart?

What factors and events influenced the outcome of the Civil War?

To what extent did Reconstruction bring African Americans closer to citizenship?

Unit 7- Migration and Industry

How did settlers change the West and affect American Indians?

Did the benefits of industrialization outweigh the costs?

What was life like for immigrants in the early 1900's?