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Evan Moor Skill Sharpeners Geography 2 workbook

DK Children Just Like Me

What Was the Wild West? By Janet B. Pascal

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Week 1

Discuss the 5 Themes of Geography.

5 Themes of Geography

Location- Everything on Earth has its own place.



Human-Environment Interactions- People can change their surroundings.



Movement- Each day, people around the world trade goods and ideas.



Place- Every place has features that make it different from other places.



Regions- Areas of the Earth share features that make them different from other areas.



Using a globe or a world wall map, review the following:

A **continent** is one of seven main land areas on earth. Find and name the seven continents. North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica.

Much of the earth is covered by large areas of salt water called **oceans**. Find the four main oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, and Arctic.

What is a Globe? Use pp. 16-23 of *Skill Sharpeners Geography 2 workbook* to review these concepts.

Review the **cardinal directions**: North, South, East and West.

Find the **Equator**- an imaginary line that divides Earth into the **northern hemisphere** and **southern hemisphere**.

The farthest point from the equator is the North Pole and the South Pole, find these on your globe or map.

Regions near the equator are very hot, regions near the two poles are very cold.

Responsible Citizenship

A **citizen** is a person who lives in a particular city, state, or country. A **civilization** is the society, culture, and way of life of a particular area at its most advanced stage. To be **civilized** means that a person knows how to act within their society and get along with others.



Location What is your address, can you be specific? What continent? What country? What state? What city? What is your home address?

Week 2

What is a Map? Use pp. 6-15 of *Skill Sharpeners Geography 2 workbook* to review these concepts.

Landforms watch this youtube video: [Landforms, Hey!: Crash Course Kids #17.1](#)



Regions of the world have different landforms and climates. A mountainous region would be high altitude, rocky and cold in winter months and sometimes year-around. A desert region would be dry, sandy, and hot during the day, with temperatures dropping at night. Each region has animals and plants that live and grow only in that region. For further study or discussion, look up these regions: coastal, tropical, tundra, plains, and hills. Take a [Virtual Field Trip National Parks Wyoming & Utah](#)

Week 7

Continental Region of Asia

Region Indus Valley- find the continent of Asia on your globe or world wall map, now find India, now see if you can find the Indus River. The Indus River, like the Nile River in Egypt overflowed its banks every year. This caused the land around it to become very **fertile**- good for growing food. Wherever there is fertile soil you will find people settling to farm the land and build up a community. After all, food is a human necessity. There was an ancient city along the Indus River called Mohenjo-Daro. Historians do not know why, but the people from this city eventually abandoned it. Another civilization developed along the Ganges River. Eventually, the Aryans from the Northwest invaded the area with powerful armies. The **movement** changed the lives of the people in this area. They conquered and ruled over the Indian people, taking over their rights. With this movement brought a different religion to the area; eventually the gods of the Aryans and the gods of the Indians were worshiped together and formed a religion called Hinduism. Hinduism believed in one god and in many gods. They believe Brahman is a spirit in everything in the universe; the thousands of other gods they worship are like different faces of Brahman.

DK [Findout! Website Indus Valley Civilization](#)

For further study: Insight on the Scriptures Volume 1 p. 1198 India
A Tale of Two Rivers Awake! 2000 7/8 pp. 14-17

Library Books:

Greetings, Asia!, by April Pulley Sayre
Stories from India, by Anna Milbourne; Usborne

What about today? Let's look at **Modern India**.

Read: *Living in India Ready-to-Read Around the World Collection*

Read: *Children Just Like Me Asia* pp. 50-51; Mehak p. 60; Vishnu p. 61

DK [Findout! Website Modern India](#)