

Geography**Cultural Interdependence Series****Grade Levels:**

7-12

Subject Areas:

Social Studies

Geography

Cultures

World Cultures

Synopsis:

The geography of an area, specifically the topography, climate, and natural resources, influences the ways people live. From food, clothing, shelter, and water, the geography of an area is one factor that dictates a lifestyle and therefore the culture.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Understand how geography influences a people group's culture
- Consider how different geographical regions have different cultures because of the area
- Gain a greater understanding of your own culture due to your geographic location

Vocabulary:

Geography, Topography, Multiculturalism, Interdependence, Natural Resources, Climate, Renewable Resources, Nonrenewable Resources

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

How would you describe the geography of the area that you live in?

How does the geography of your area shape the activities you participate in?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

What role do topography, climate, and natural resources play in an area's geography?

How can humans alter the topography of an area? What are some natural elements of topography?

What is climate? How does climate influence economic activities?

What is the difference between a renewable and nonrenewable natural resource?

Further Activities:

Create a map that represents what your day would look like (clothing, food, shelter, activities) if you lived in the Northern Hemisphere vs. the Southern Hemisphere.