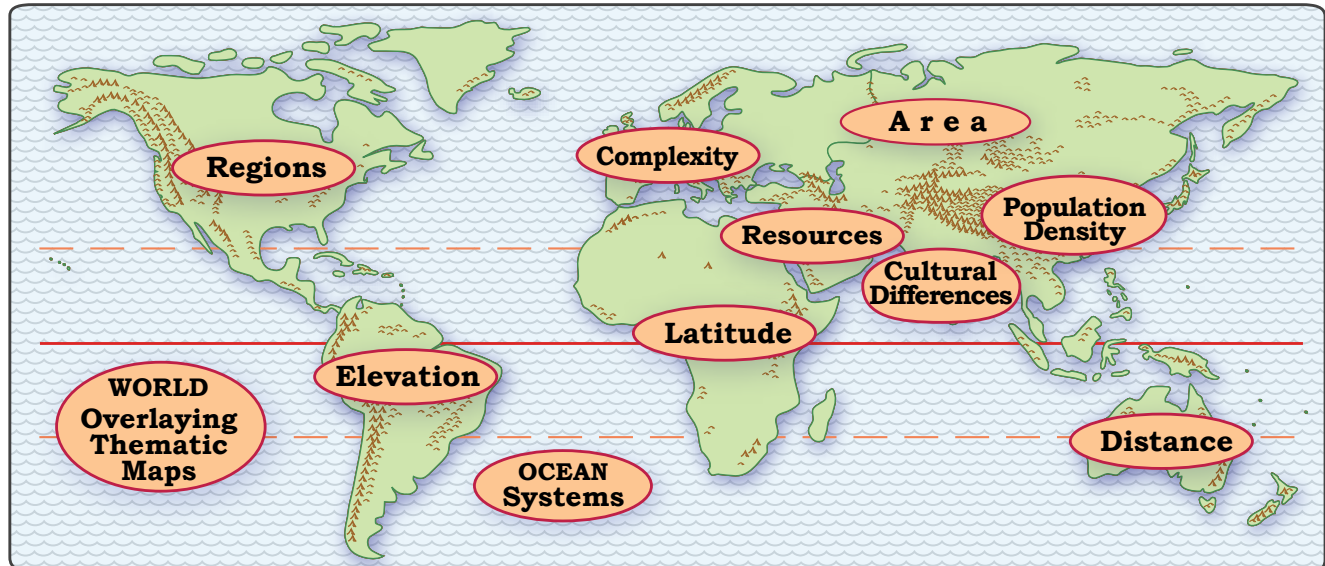


## GEOGRAPHIC "BIG IDEAS" AND ASSOCIATED WORLD REGIONS



Each unit deals with *one* important geographic idea - an important causal force - in *one* world region where the consequences are especially easy to see. Students learn facts and concepts, gain skills of geographic analysis, and help build a better mental map. Each regional package has six major groups of files:

### 1. Scaffold

- This diagram shows:

- prior concepts that help students understand the big idea,
- map skills that aid in analyzing and communicating the big idea,
- ideas from other disciplines that are related to the big idea,
- several examples of consequences of the big idea, and
- focus questions that relate the big idea to current events.

### 2. Clickable map

- This interactive electronic map has 30-40 "layers" that show aspects of the big idea.

- Teachers can print "customized" maps for presentations, posters, handouts, activities, or assessments.

### 3. Presentation

- This powerpoint is like an "electronic teacher guide."

- It is made from the clickable map, with explanatory notes.
- It provides content background about various layers on the map.
- It models a way to explain the big idea and some consequences.
- It includes question frames to guide discussion or individual inquiry.

As a teacher, you are granted permission to modify the presentation to fit your class.

You can rearrange or delete frames and/or add your own pictures or notes.

### 4. Intro activity

- This is a printable two-page in-lab or take-home activity.

- It helps explain how (and why) to use the clickable maps.
- It has a graded sequence of questions, like a mini-DBQ.

### 5. Other student activities and presentations:

- These are (and will be) written by teachers, for teachers.
- They address standards in social studies, science, and history.

### 6. "Chapters"

- This is an electronic "textbook" about the big ideas.

- It is interactive, with definitions and links to other resources.
- There is a printable .pdf version, written at a 6th-grade reading level.



<https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/cst/MGA/Pages/World-Regional-Geography-Using-Big-Ideas.aspx>

<http://textbooks.wmisd.org/bigPresentations.html>   <http://textbooks.wmisd.org/bigChapters.html>

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