

45-DAY LEARNING CYCLE #1
The Story of My Place: An Integrated Geography Study

First 45-days: Building Background Knowledge in small group instruction.

Introduction to the 6 Essential Elements of Geography

The World in Spatial Terms	Physical Systems	Environment and Society
Places and Regions	Human Systems	The Uses of Geography

Timeline	Content	Skills	Experiences
Week #1	How to Use Maps Using Mental Maps	Literacy Skills: Information and technology Math Skills: Measurement, proportions, coordinates	Shevlin Park Exploration
Week #2	Analyzing Spatial Organization Physical & Human Characteristics of Place	Literacy: Technical literacy Math: Statistics, data analysis	GIS Expert City of Bend
Week #3	People Create Regions Cultural Influences on People's Perceptions	Literacy: Research skills, Media literacy Math: Statistics, data analysis, probability	Maps of History – Bend Historical Society, Museum of Warm Springs
Week #4	Shaping the Earth's Surface Ecosystems of the World	Literacy: Information literacy, vocabulary Math: Geometry, special awareness, percent	Paulina National Monument - Geology Lava Lands, Lava River
Week #5	Characteristics of Human Populations Complexity of Earth's Cultural Mosaics	Literacy: Information literacy, vocabulary Math: Geometry, special awareness, percent	Hancock Field Station – Fossil Oregon John Day Fossil Beds
Week #6	Patterns of Economic Interdependence Patterns of Human Settlement	Literacy: Vocabulary, Fiction/non-fiction, perspectives Math: Data analysis, statistics	High Desert Museum
Week #7	Division and Composition of Earth's Surface Human Actions Modify the Environment	Literacy: Vocabulary, Fiction/non-fiction, perspectives Math: Data analysis, statistics	Geological Expert
Week #8	Environmental Effects on Human Systems Resources Use and Distribution	Literacy: Technical literacy Math: Data analysis, statistics	DEQ - Expert Environmental Center

2-WEEK BREAK FOR REST AND REFLECTION

Next 30-days: Independent Project Paths
 Students move out of group study and select an individual area of study
 within the theme based on their interests, passions and talents:

A new or related theme of study begins for Learning Cycle #2.