**Geography Final Study Guide**

Basics of Geography

1. What are a GPS, Compass, and map projection used for?
2. Know the themes of geography and understand them
3. What is the continental shelf?
4. What are tectonic plates and why are they important?
5. What affects climate?
6. What is the greenhouse effect?
7. Why do we have different seasons?
8. What makes up culture?
9. What forces are shaping our earth?

**US and Canada**

1. What is migration?
2. What is urban sprawl?
3. What makes Quebec unique from the rest of Canada?
4. What are locks and what is the St. Lawrence Seaway?
5. What is the continental divide?
6. What is the greatest resource of the great plains?
7. Understand the terms megalopolis, infrastructure, suburb, and urbanization.
8. Where is the US “bread basket”?
9. What covers half of Canada?

Latin America

1. Spanish Conquest…what was it and why is it important?
2. What is the panama canal and what theme of geo does it represent?
3. Where is the Amazon river and rainforest mainly located?
4. What natural resource do Venezuela and Mexico have large amounts of?
5. Understand push and pull factors of South American cities.
6. What are Mexico’s 2 economic challenges?
7. What does it mean to be mestizo?
8. What is the informal economy?
9. What country is a South American success story and why?
10. Portugal’s effect on South America is what?
11. What religion dominates South America and why?
12. What do the term biodiversity and deforestation mean?

Europe

1. Understand what the BENELUX region is.
2. Know the terms Fjord, Balkanization, North Atlantic Drift, Polder, and Euro
3. Be able to map the peninsulas of Europe and the Seas and Oceans around Europe.
4. What is the “Land of the Midnight Sun” and why is it called that?
5. Where are the Alps?
6. What percent of land is suitable for agriculture in Europe?
7. Which part of Yugoslavia tried to assert power of the rest of the country?

East Asia

1. What theme of geo do capsule hotels relate to and why?
2. What is the three gorges dam?
3. Why is the 38th parallel important?
4. How is the name Mao Zedong and communism linked?
5. The people of Taiwan would be what culturally?
6. Who claims Taiwan?
7. What happened to Japan after WWII economically?
8. What is an economic tiger?
9. What countries use their human resources well and what are they?

SE Asia and Oceania

1. Which is the mountainous island in New Zealand?
2. Why is the Mekong river important?
3. How has Australia tried to control their rabbit problem?
4. What is a subsistence activity?
5. What are the types of precipitation in SE Asia?
6. What is the stolen generation?
7. What are the push and pull factors drawing people to in SE Asia and what are they?

Africa

1. What is the highest peak?
2. Why is coffee important?
3. What is “Brain Drain”?
4. What is a pandemic?
5. What is desertification and how is it caused?
6. Who is Nelson Mandela and what did he do?
7. Who is the Nile River important to and why?