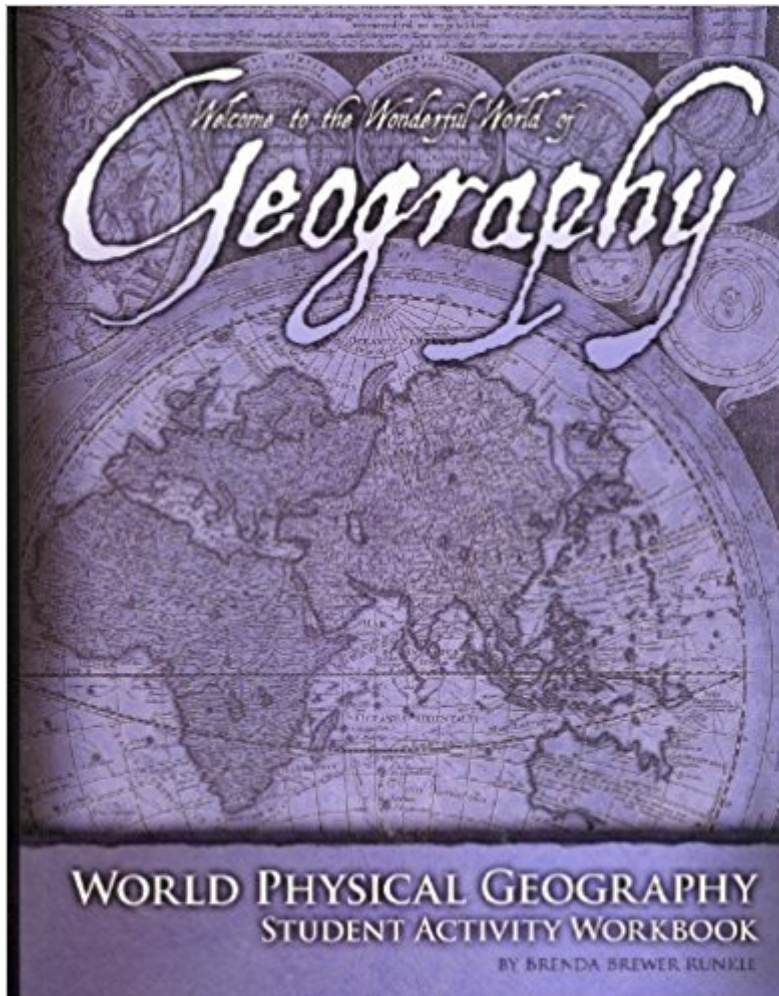




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This geography book was meant to be the first in a series on geography. It covers only physical geography, as that is the part that hardly changes. Little is mentioned of political or cultural geography except as to how borders are often drawn and how environment effects culture. The questions always have 2-4 review questions on important material from previous lessons. Sometimes called the Saxon math book of geography, the book's style is much like Saxon. Colorful relevant diagrams, charts, photos, and exercises are present in good locations. There are no cartoon turtles or foxes to tell the story as dumbed down texts use. If you follow this method, your students will know this material and retain it. I wish the publisher had continued the series. I talked with Ms. Runkle, and she mentioned that there was supposed to have been a volume on each continent or set of continents for future years. Apparently, the publisher felt one year was all America could stomach, regardless of what surveys show of our culture's geographic illiteracy. This book would be suitable for high school geography credit with the addition of report assignments.

Without the writing assignments, it is good for middle school upwards, something I never say. I did supplement with Youtube videos for the students to be able to see in motion volcanic action, river erosion, atmospheric events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. Great stuff.

This is an incredible book. Covers so much and yet captures the student's attention and keeps it because it EXPLAINS instead of just provides information. Lots of hands-on activities make learning more concrete and understandable for students. There is a list on each side of the page of words that have a definition next to them - this can be used as a vocabulary list and the definition is already there (there is a vocabulary list included in each section). Nice color photos throughout. A section of review questions are included in each section. But it is the hands-on activities (and lots of them) that cement this as my new favorite geography book to use with students. I could teach this course with only a basic understanding of physical geography in my background - so no prior knowledge is needed. Very well laid out lesson plans with excellent examples that students (grades 4 or so and up) can grasp on to and understand. For example, here is a paragraph from page 2: "There are about four hundred billion stars in the Milky Way. The distances between the stars are so great that scientists had to create a new term for describing them. We think of distance here on earth in terms of minutes, hours or days it takes to get from one place to another. But in space, the distances have to be measured in years or, more specifically, in light years. Scientists measure distance in space by how far light travels in a year. So how fast is light? Light travels at 186,000 miles (299,329 km) per second! If you were driving sixty miles per hour, it would take over 129 days driving twenty-four hours a day to travel 186,000 miles, yet light travels this far in one second. To reach Alpha Centauri, the star closest to our sun, you would have to travel at the speed of light for 4.5 years. At this time, traveling even close to the speed of light is impossible. We cannot even explore all of our own galaxy, let alone travel to the next one which is three million light years away." The author is not only very knowledgeable about geography, but is a master story-teller too who weaves interesting facts and information in such a way that everyone listening or reading learns without even trying. THAT is the highest achievement an educator/author can be crowned with!

This book title is misleading. It is not a workbook that goes along with the book. It is a good resource, but not a necessary purchase. The textbook stands alone. These are more like enrichment ideas and opportunities.

This is an excellent resource! It is well written, and has great suggested hands on activities for students. Just what I was looking for to support my Social Studies class.

This is a terrific, in depth geography and earth science book. Can be used as a curriculum or jumping off book. Taught successfully to a wide age group, so great for homeschoolers, challenging for 6th 7th grades too.

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