

COMPARE THE WORLD

Ask one big question and see how the answers change around the world.

Choose one geography question and investigate it in countries around the world. Ask the same question in every country, using books and geography to find the answers. As you go, compare: What's similar? What's different? Why?



ONE QUESTION



MANY COUNTRIES



COMPARE THE ANSWERS

CHOOSE THIS PATH IF YOU WANT TO:

- ✓ Build geography around one big question
- ✓ Look for patterns, similarities, and differences
- ✓ Explore how geography produces different answers around the world
- ✓ Connect geography with a topic your family enjoys



MULTIPLE AGES: Everyone can investigate the same question using books, worksheets, and activities at their own grade level.

1 | CHOOSE YOUR QUESTION

Choose a question that can be investigated in many different places and that gives geography an important role in the answer.



PLACE

- How does being coastal, landlocked, mountainous, or remote affect life?
- How do landscapes shape communities?



PEOPLE + ENVIRONMENT

- How do people adapt to extreme environments?
- How does geography shape food?
- How do people use rivers?



MOVEMENT

- How does geography shape transportation?
- How do people, products, or ideas move between places?



REGIONS

- How does life change across climate regions?
- What makes neighboring places similar or different?



EVERYDAY LIFE

- What is school like around the world?
- How does access to water shape daily life?



GEOGRAPHY + SOCIETY

- How does geography influence power?
- How do natural resources affect countries?

RECOMMENDED SCOPE



4-6 COUNTRIES

Short study



8-15 COUNTRIES

Semester



15-30+ COUNTRIES

Full year

These are suggested starting points. Adjust the number of countries to fit your goals.

2 | ASK THE QUESTION IN EACH COUNTRY

Use this simple routine in every country you study.

1		ASK Start with your big question. What might the answer look like here?
2		READ Choose one or more books from the country's Global Book Passport reading list.
3		EXPLORE Learn about the country's geography. For Grades 3–9, <i>Country Geography: The Five Themes</i> provides a quick foundation.
4		INVESTIGATE Use what you've learned to answer your big question for this country.
5		GO FURTHER — OPTIONAL Choose deeper geography worksheets or country activities that help investigate your question.
6		LOG IT Log the finished book in Global Book Passport and collect the country stamp.



NEW COUNTRY → ASK THE SAME QUESTION AGAIN

3 | COMPARE AS YOU GO

After each new country, look across what you're finding.

					
What's similar?	What's different?	Why might the answers differ?	What role does geography play?	What patterns are appearing?	Which places don't fit the pattern?

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

Use the worksheet that fits your investigation.



Comparing Two Places in One Country
Explore differences within one country.



Mapping Movement
Follow people, products, animals, foods, stories, or ideas.



Mapping Geographic Features and Movement
Explore how physical geography shapes movement.



Connecting a Book to Place, Time, and Culture
Investigate the real world behind the reading.