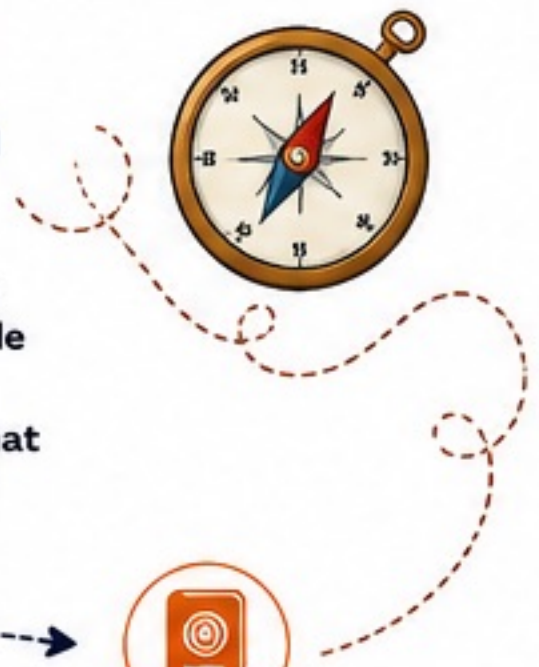


FOLLOW A TRAIL

Follow one thing around the world.

Choose something that connects places around the world—such as rivers, chocolate, spices, mountain ranges, animal migrations, or trade routes—and follow it from place to place.

The trail determines your itinerary. At each major stop, read from that country, explore its geography and its connection to the trail, and collect the passport stamp.



1 CHOOSE
what to follow



2 TRACE
the trail



3 CHOOSE STOPS
that tell the story



4 FOLLOW THE TRAIL
read, explore, connect,
and collect stamps!

CHOOSE THIS PATH IF YOU WANT TO...



Build your geography study around one fascinating real-world connection



Follow a clear itinerary from country to country



See how places are connected across borders and regions



Make maps and geographic connections central to your study



Connect geography with history, science, food, culture, economics, or the natural world



FOR MULTIPLE AGES: Everyone can follow the same trail, using reading, worksheets, and activities appropriate for each student's grade level.

1 | CHOOSE WHAT TO FOLLOW

A trail can be something that flows, grows, travels, migrates, stretches across borders, or otherwise connects places.



WATER & LAND

Rivers • Oceans & seas • Mountains
Deserts • Volcanoes • Lakes



FOOD & CROPS

Chocolate • Tea • Coffee • Spices
Rice • Sugar



ANIMALS & NATURE

Animal migrations • Habitats
Rainforests • Coral reefs • Ecosystems



TRADE & TRAVEL

Trade routes • Shipping routes
Historic journeys • Exploration routes



PEOPLE, STORIES & IDEAS

Migration • Diaspora • Languages
Folktales • Religions • Inventions



One trail can be your entire course of study, or you can follow several shorter trails.

2 | TRACE YOUR TRAIL + CHOOSE YOUR STOPS



TRACE YOUR TRAIL

Use a world map, atlas, or specialized resource to identify the important countries, regions, and geographic features connected to your topic.

CHOOSE YOUR STOPS

You don't need to study every country connected to your topic. Choose the major stops that best tell the story of your trail and put them in an order that makes sense.

EXAMPLE: ANIMAL MIGRATION



Breeding grounds



Migration route



Important habitats



Seasonal destination



HELPFUL WORLD ATLASES

- Barefoot Books World Atlas
- National Geographic Kids World Atlas
- Children's Illustrated World Atlas
- The Usborne Geography Encyclopedia with Complete World Atlas
- National Geographic Family Reference Atlas of the World



Rivers: *Spooky Rivers*



Oceans: *Maps of the World's Oceans*



Animals: *Atlas of Animal Adventures* or *Children's Illustrated Animal Atlas*



Habitats: *Habitats of the World*



Plants & crops: *Atlas of Botany*



Food: *National Geographic Kids Ultimate Food Atlas* or *The World in Your Lunch Box*

3 | AT EACH STOP



READ

Choose one or more books from the country's Global Book Passport reading list.



EXPLORE

Learn about the country and its geography. For Grades 3–9, use *Country Geography: The Five Themes* for a quick, consistent geography study.



CONNECT

Investigate why this country belongs on your trail. What happens here? What geography helps explain it?



GO FURTHER — OPTIONAL

Choose additional geography worksheets or country activities when you want to explore the stop in greater depth.



LOG IT

Log the finished book in Global Book Passport to collect the stamp, fill the world map, and make progress on quests and challenges.

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

These additional geography worksheets take more time and work well for selected countries you want to investigate further.



Mapping Movement



Mapping Geographic Features and Movement



Comparing Two Places in One Country



Connecting a Book to Place, Time, and Culture

OPTIONAL COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

The country curriculum also includes enrichment such as recipes, traditional games, videos, STEM, art, music, history, nature, and other activities.



NEXT STOP → REPEAT



EXAMPLE TRAIL | THE WORLD'S GREAT RIVERS



Helpful resources:
A world atlas + Spooky Rivers



NILE
Egypt

- Desert geography
- Agriculture
- Settlement
- Cities



TIGRIS & EUPHRATES
Iraq

- Mesopotamia
- Agriculture
- Settlement
- Early civilizations



GANGES
India

- Monsoon
- Agriculture
- Cities
- Population
- Religion



MEKONG
Cambodia & Vietnam

- Ecosystems
- Farming
- Transportation
- Communities



AMAZON
Peru, Colombia & Brazil

- Andes
- Rainforest
- Tributaries
- Biodiversity
- Settlement



FINISH THE TRAIL

When you reach the end, look at the journey as a whole.



Trace the complete trail on a map.



Look at the countries filled in on your GBP world map.



Compare how the trail changed from place to place.



Identify the geographic features that shaped it.



Look for patterns and connections across countries and regions.