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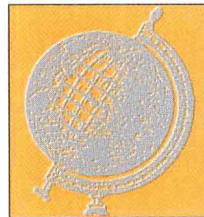
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To the Student-Geographer

The second edition of *Geography: People and Places in a Changing World* is a clearly written, carefully organized geography of the world. It tells the story of where we are now, and of where we seem to be heading. It outlines the two great challenges we face—providing for people and preserving our planet.

Geography: People and Places in a Changing World, Second Edition, is designed to interest you, to be easy to use, and to enlarge and enrich your appreciation of the world, a world you share with more than five billion other people. This opening statement explains how the book has been organized to make it up-to-date, relevant, helpful, and exciting.

How this Book is Organized

Geography: People and Places in a Changing World, Second Edition, is divided into twelve units. Unit 1 introduces geography and describes the environments of our planet.

Units 2 through 6 discuss the wealthiest and most powerful of the world culture regions: Western Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern Europe, the United States and Canada, Japan and the two Koreas, and the Pacific World.

These are five world regions in which science and technology have enabled a number of peoples with different backgrounds and environments to achieve and enjoy a level of well-being rarely known before on this planet. Most (the CIS and Eastern Europe excepted) have diversified economies, abundant access to resources, high levels of urbanization, slow-growing populations, and rising incomes.

Units 7 through 12 discuss the remaining six world culture regions: Latin America, Africa south of

the Sahara, the Middle East and North Africa, China, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

These six world regions have not fully achieved the high living standards that science and technology can provide, although great differences among countries and regions exist. Most have economies based on farming, poorly developed resources, slow rates of industrialization, rapidly growing populations, and stable or slow-growing incomes. These people are struggling to gain the levels of well-being enjoyed by their wealthier neighbors.

The characteristics of many regions are influenced by two contradictory forces: (1) *fusion*, the merging together into multinational units and (2) *fission*, the breaking apart of national units divided by race, religion, language, or economic disparities. Recent examples of *fusion* are the growth of the European Community (EC), the union of Canada, Mexico, and the United States in passing NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement), and the spread of multinational corporations around the globe. *Fission* is seen in dramatic form in the collapse of the Soviet Union, civil war and disorder in Africa south of the Sahara, and religious and ethnic riots in India. *Fusion* directly aims at facing environmental and human challenges; *fission* makes progress more difficult to achieve.

How Units Are Organized

After Unit 1, each unit in *Geography: People and Places in a Changing World, Second Edition*, is devoted to one world culture region that is discussed in two or three chapters. The first chapter in each unit discusses the physical and human geographies of the

region being studied. Detailed, accurate regional descriptions make up the bulk of these chapters. These chapters explain, for example, how the Industrial Revolution transformed Western Europe; how population pressure on the land plagues China; how India's unique environment creates problems of food production; and how Japan succeeds despite few natural resources.

The second chapter in each unit discusses the contemporary geography of the region being studied, including many geographical problems of current concern. These chapters explain, for example, why the U.S.S.R. collapsed; the retreat of Communism; Latin America's effort to cope with growing city populations; how the United States is changing from an industrial to a postindustrial society; and how environmental damage throughout the tropics threatens economic development and the global environment.

Unit and Chapter Features

All units are organized simply, directly and in a consistent manner for ease of use. At the beginning of each unit you will find six special elements. A **Unit Introduction** and a list of **Unit Objectives** provide a preview of what the unit covers and what goals you can achieve. **Skills Highlighted** lists the skills that will be emphasized throughout the unit. A wide variety of skills are treated, with special emphasis on map skills. The heart of the extensive map program in *Geography: People and Places in a Changing World, Second Edition*, is the **Miniatlas** at the beginning of each unit. The Miniatlas contains full-color physical, political and population maps of the region treated in the unit. This makes study and reference especially easy. Within each unit, detailed regional maps provide up-close information at a more detailed level, and additional special-purpose maps help enrich and clarify the study of geography. **At a Glance** contains basic statistics for all countries in the region under study in an easy to read table. **Keys to Knowing** is a brief sketch of the most essential information presented in the unit.

Each chapter contains three additional special features—**Close-Up**, **Discovering**, and **It's a Fact**. Close-Up articles are an in-depth look at an aspect of the region being studied. Discovering sections contain interesting information about geography from a human perspective. Each of these is linked to one of

the themes of geography—location, place, people-environment relations, movement, and region. It's a Fact, found in boxes throughout the chapters, contain very short, memorable bits of information that will enliven your study of the region.

A multitude of sources have been examined to provide a current, accurate picture of the world. Most place names are consistent with those used in the *National Geographic Atlas of the World, Revised Sixth Edition*. Population and per capita income figures are based on the Population Reference Bureau's World Population Data Sheet. City populations are taken from many census and other sources; here estimates vary widely. Every effort has been made to use these sources to provide a clear presentation of the many changes in progress around the globe.

Testing and review methods that enable you to understand and remember geography have a high priority in this book. At the end of each unit there is a **Unit Review** containing exercises on human geography and physical geography, plus a writing activity to assist you in your studying and mastering of the unit material. The chapters are broken into easy-to-manage sections. Each section concludes with **Review Questions** and **Thought Questions**. At the end of each chapter, **Exercises** and **Skills** will help you apply chapter information and build your geography skills. Photo captions are informative and include thought-provoking questions that enrich the chapter content.

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All the features included in this text will help you to understand the world. They will also prepare you to evaluate and analyze information as you master essential geography skills and concepts. They will prepare you to understand the challenges of today—providing for people and preserving the planet.



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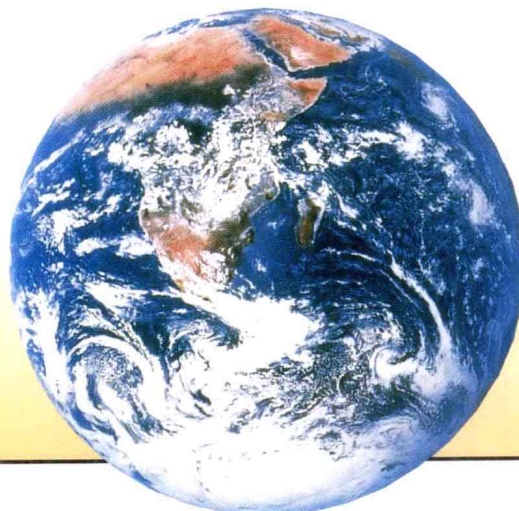
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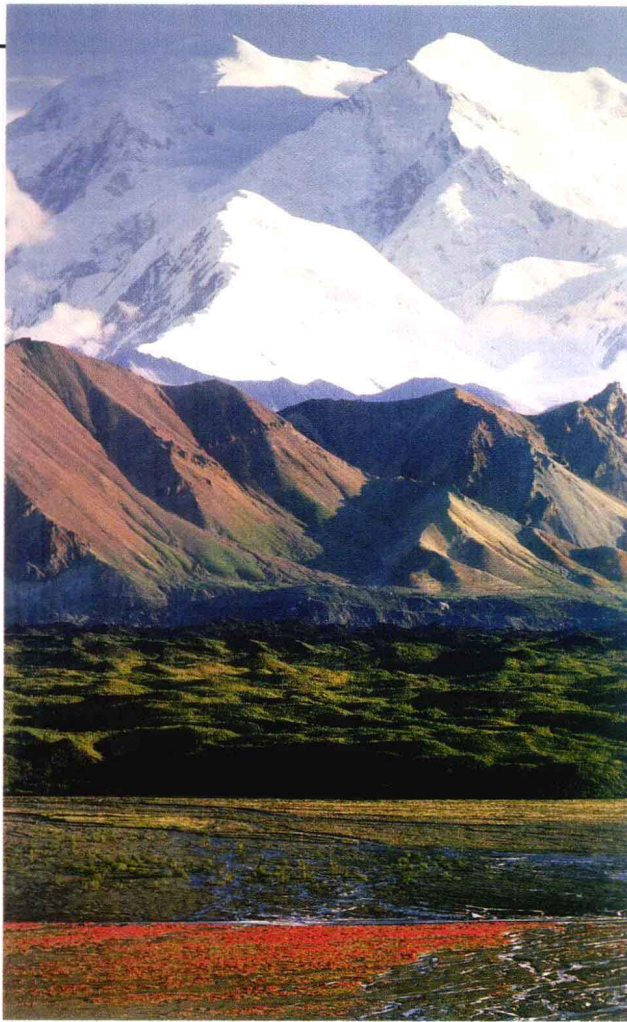
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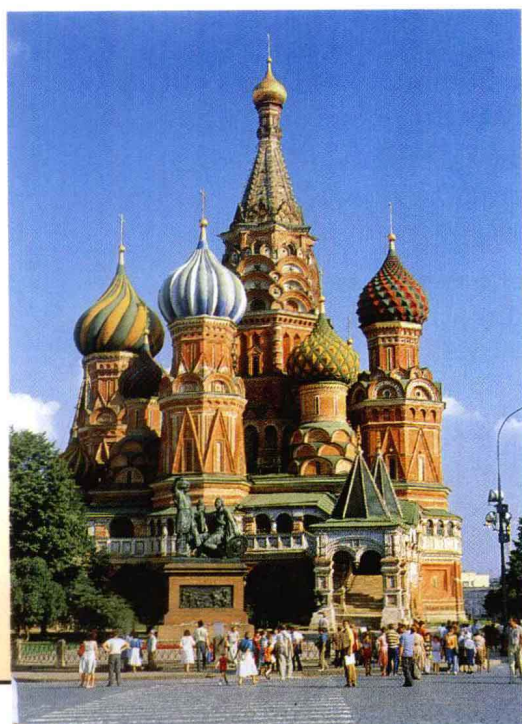
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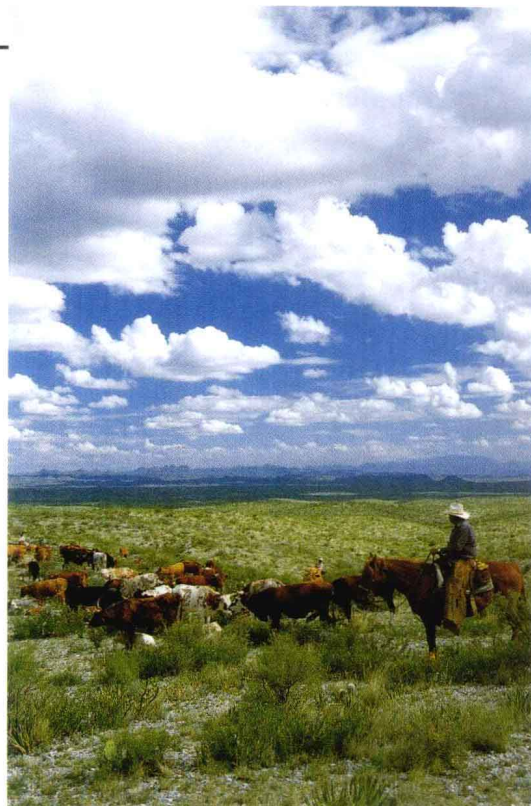
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