

# **Domain-Based Unit Overview**

Title of Domain: World Mountains, Grade 4 Learning Time: 5 days

### **Big Idea**

Maps provide a scaled-down version of the features of Earth, as well as a system for location those features. World mountains and mountain ranges influence the weather and the lives and activities of both animals and humans. (CKHG, p.81)

## What Students Need to Learn (CK Handbook, p.90)

- Locate and describe major mountain ranges by continent:
  - South America: Andes
  - North America: Rockies and Appalachians
  - Asia: Himalayas and Urals
  - Africa: Atlas Mountains
  - Europe: Mont Blanc
  - Africa: Kilimanjaro
- Locate and describe high mountains of the world by continent:
  - Asia: Everest
  - North America: McKinley
  - South America: Aconcagua
  - Europe: Mont Blanc
  - Africa: Kilimanjaro

### **MN Academic Standards**

- Create and use various kinds of maps, including overlaying thematic maps, of places in the United States, and also Canada or Mexico; incorporate the "TODALS" map basics, as well as points, lines and colored areas to display spatial information (4.3.1.1.1)
- Use latitude and longitude on maps and globes to locate places in the United States, and also Canada or Mexico. (4.3.1.1.2)
- Choose the most appropriate data from maps, charts, and graphs in an atlas to answer specific questions about geographic issues in the United States, and also Canada or Mexico. (4.3.1.2.1)

### **Pre-Assessment**

- Give students a map before lesson 1
  - Find specific mountain ranges
  - Find specific data from maps to answer questions

**Domain Lesson 1** Introducing Mountains (CKHG, p.93), 1 day



<b>MN Academic</b>	
Standards	
Objectives	• I can explain how mountains are formed
	• I can describe why mountains are important
	• I can identify the continents for the following mountain ranges:
	Andes, Rockies, Appalachians, Alaskan, Himalayas, Urals, Alps,
	Caucasus and Atlas
	• I can identify the continents for the following high mountain:
	Mount Everest, Denali, Mount Aconcagua, Mont Blanc, Mount
	Elbrus, and Mount Kilimanjaro
Vocabulary	Mineral, barrier, weathering, plate, magma, lava, extinct, elevation,
	erosion, equator
Procedure	• Have students review the World Mountains Student Reader,
	including locating the Table of Contents
	• Invite volunteers to name mountains and mountain ranges they
	have heard of.
	• Read aloud Chapter 1 "Introducing Mountains" from <i>World</i>
	Mountains Student Reader (Either students or teacher reads)
	• Ask students to answer objective question, "How are mountains
	formed?" on paper
	• Ask students to choose one of the Core Vocabulary words and
	write a sentence using the word
	Complete "Cool Facts About World Mountains"
	• Distribute AP 1.1 and 1.2
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	<i>If Applicable</i>
Saying and Phrases	<i>If Applicable</i>
Writing	<i>If Applicable</i>

Domain Lesson 2	Mountain Animals (CKHG, p. 101), 1 day
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	• I can explain how animals survive in the mountains
	• I can describe the different animals that live on mountains in
	different parts of the world
Vocabulary	Surefooted, survive, hibernate, myth
Procedure	• Ask students to look at several images of mountains from the text. Ask
	students to name words that describe conditions on mountains.
	• Read aloud Chapter 2 "Mountain Animals" from <i>World</i>
	Mountains Student Reader (Either students or teacher reads)
	• Distribute AP 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3



	<ul> <li>Ask students to answer objective question, "How do animals survive in the mountains?" on paper</li> <li>Ask students to choose one of the Core Vocabulary words and write a sentence using the word</li> </ul>
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 3	Mountains as Barriers (CKHG, p.105), 1 day
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	• I can explain how mountains have acted as barriers
	• I can understand the physical and social effects on a mountain
Vocabulary	Pass, tunnel, gap, wagon train, plateau
Procedure	<ul> <li>Have students look back at the images of Denali (pages 58–59) and</li> </ul>
	Mount Everest (page 64) in Chapter 1
	• Ask students to point out details in the images that serve as barriers.
	<ul> <li>Read aloud Chapter 3 "Mountains as Barriers" from <i>World</i> <i>Mountains</i> Student Reader (Either students or teacher reads)</li> <li>Add more details to AP 1.1</li> <li>Ask students to answer objective question, "How have mountains acted as barriers?" on paper</li> <li>Ask students to choose one of the Core Vocabulary words and write a sentence using the word</li> </ul>
Poetry	<i>If Applicable</i>
Fiction	<i>If Applicable</i>
Saying and Phrases	<i>If Applicable</i>
Writing	<i>If Applicable</i>

Domain Lesson 4	Making the Most of Mountains (p.110), 2 days
<b>MN Academic</b>	
Standards	
Objectives	• I can explain how people benefit from mountains
	• I can identify the natural resources provided by mountains
	• I can understand the types of farming available to people who live
	on mountains
Vocabulary	Crystal, generator, dam, hydroelectric plant, industry, yak, terrace, peak
Procedure	• Read aloud Chapter 4 "Making the Most of Mountains" from
	World Mountains Student Reader (Either students or teacher
	reads)



	<ul> <li>Add more details to AP 1.1</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ask students to answer objective question, "How do people benefit from mountains?" on paper</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ask students to choose one of the Core Vocabulary words and write a sentence using the word</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Complete "World Mountains Domain Vocabulary"</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Distribute AP 4.1</li> </ul>
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 5	Unit Assessment
MN Academic Standards	<ul> <li>Create and use various kinds of maps, including overlapping thematic maps of places in the United States, and also Canada or Mexico; incorporate the "TODALS" map basics, as well as points, lines and colored areas to display spatial information (4.3.1.1.1)</li> <li>Use latitude and longitude on maps and globes to locate places in the United States, and also Canada or Mexico. (4.3.1.1.2)</li> <li>Choose the most appropriate data from maps, charts, and graphs in an atlas to answer specific questions about geographic issues in the United States, and also Canada or Mexico. (4.3.1.2.1)</li> </ul>
Objectives	<ul> <li>I can use my knowledge on mountains to answer questions about mountains</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	
Procedure	• Students will take "Unit Assessment: World Mountains"
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	<i>If Applicable</i>
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

	Cross-Curricular Connections
Art	<ul> <li>Look and discuss landform/ Mountains</li> <li>Draw outline of Mountain forms. Fill inside mountains with lines and patterns. Paint sky with a blend of water color paints.</li> </ul>



Media	<ul> <li>Read and discuss "Daughter of the Mountains," "Life in the Mountains," "Scary Creatures of the Mountains," "Are Mountains Growing Taller?," "My Side of the Mountain," "On the Far Side of the Fountain," "Saving Wonder," "Geronimo Stilton: Mighty Mount Kilimanjaro," "Blue Mountain Trouble," "My Side of the Mountain"</li> </ul>
Music	<ul> <li>CK 4th Grade Song List <ul> <li>I Love the Mountains</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional songs about mountains: "Rocky Mountain," "The Bear Went Over the Mountain" (1st grade CK review,) etc.</li> </ul>
P.E.	Capture the Flag, Four Square, Sardines