



1 OUR EARTH – OUR CONTINENT – OUR COUNTRY

- You learn about different maps and you learn how to work with them.
- You have to find continents, oceans, European countries in your atlas.

2 HOW PEOPLE LIVE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD

- Hot deserts
- Tropical rainforests
- Cold lands



A VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES

You learn about the Earth's structure, types of volcanoes and what happens when earthquakes strike.

B LATITUDE, LONGITUDE, TIME ZONES, REASONS FOR SEASONS

You learn how to work with a grid system and to locate places on the globe.

The study of time zones will help you a lot if you travel to other countries.

You learn why we have winter, spring, summer, and autumn.

C SETTLEMENTS

This is a longer chapter about towns and places where people live.

The following points will help you to understand what you are going to learn.

1 Historical development

Site and situation (why towns can be found at certain places)

Growing and spreading (how towns developed)

Patterns in the area (the system of larger and smaller towns)

2 Functions of cities

Why are cities so important?

What different buildings can you find and what are they used for?

3 Towns and villages

Let us compare the differences of living in rural and urban settlements.

4 Urban settlements in different parts of the world.

We are going to travel to cities all over the world.

5 Squatter settlements

What problems do people have who live in the poorest countries of the world?



I. AUSTRIA AND ITS LANDSCAPES

- Topographical survey
- The Alps
 - ✓ Northern Limestone Alps
 - ✓ Northern Slate Alps
 - ✓ Central Zone
 - ✓ Inn Valley
 - ✓ Klagenfurt Basin
 - ✓ Southern Alps
- Alpine Foreland
- Bohemian Massif
- Vienna Basin
- SW & SE Styria

II. GENERAL GEOGRAPHICAL TOPICS

- Stone cycle
- Types of rocks
- Limestone and chalk landscapes
- Glaciers
- Foehn

III. AUSTRIA AND ITS ECONOMY

- Transport systems
- Industrial centers
- Energy
- Population
- Tourism

IV. GENERAL ECONOMICS

Classifying work

- What different jobs do people have?
- Primary, secondary, tertiary industries



1) EUROPE

- ☞ topographic overview: countries & capitals, mountain ranges, rivers, seas...
- ☞ climate and vegetation zones
- ☞ European regions
- ☞ European languages

2) THE EUROPEAN UNION

- ☞ history
- ☞ member states
- ☞ structure and institutions
- ☞ the Euro

3) NORTH AMERICA – FOCUS ON USA & CANADA

- ☞ topographic overview
- ☞ regions & landforms
- ☞ economy (Manufacturing Belt, Sun Belt..)
- ☞ the American city

4) EMERGING ECONOMIES OF RUSSIA / CHINA OR INDIA

- ☞ topographic overview
- ☞ economy



1 PLATE TECTONICS

Plate movements, volcanism, earthquakes

2 CLIMATE

World climates – overview, atmospheric circulation, equatorial and tropical continental climates, Mediterranean and cold climates

Climatic hazards - cyclones, tornadoes, droughts, global climatic change

3 ECOSYSTEMS AND WORLD BIOMES

World biomes – overview (tropical rainforest, tropical savanna grassland, Mediterranean, coniferous forest), deforestation – destruction of an ecosystem, desertification

4 RESOURCES AND FOOD SUPPLY

Energy resources, farming in different parts of the world, Green Revolution, food supply and malnutrition



1) GLOBAL CLIMATIC CHANGES

causes and effects, temperature change, resulting climatic hazards

2) SETTLEMENTS

rural and urban settlements, urbanisation, urban morphology (functional grouping, ...), examples from different countries with diverging economic development

3) GLOBALISATION

characteristics, globalisation of economic activities, cultural integration, global tourism

4) POPULATION

density and distribution, population growth (fertility, mortality), population movement, structure (age-sex pyramids, ...), population policies



Core Themes – Patterns and Change

- Populations in transition
- Disparities in wealth and development
- Patterns in environmental quality and sustainability
- Patterns in resource consumption

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- Urban environments (Option G)
- Global interactions

4. Patterns in resource consumption



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