

Grade 6 Alaska Studies and Geography Standards

Physical Environment

Our Location in the World

18 Geographic Representations and Reasoning [SS.6.1.18](#)

- 1 Define absolute and relative location using real-world examples. [SS.6.1.18.1](#)
- 2 Draft and utilize a variety of maps to communicate information. [SS.6.1.18.2](#)
- 3 Construct and interpret latitudinal and longitudinal representations of absolute locations using X and Y axes. [SS.6.1.18.3](#)

Geographic Regions of Alaska

18 Geographic Representations and Reasoning [SS.6.1.18](#)

- 4 Demonstrate an understanding of the defining characteristics and placement of the physical regions of Alaska. [SS.6.1.18.4](#)

Physical Features of Alaska

20 Geography of Alaska

- 1 Identify the characteristics of the local physical environment and its impact on inhabitants. [SS.6.1.20.1](#)
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of the interactions between the earth, sun, moon, tides, and seasons both locally and globally. [SS.6.1.20.2](#)

Geohazards of Alaska

16 Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of how humans impact their environment. [SS.6.1.16.1](#)
- 2 Analyze the impact of natural disasters and human-induced hazards on human populations. [SS.6.1.16.2](#)
- 3 Evaluate the human response to current and historical disasters, both human-made and natural. [SS.6.1.16.3](#)

Physical History of Alaska

- 17 Global Interconnections: Changing Spatial Patterns [SS.6.1.17](#)
- 1 Examine the causes of historical and continuing conflicts in Alaska. [SS.6.1.17.1](#)
 - 2 Analyze how the geography of Alaska's regions influences the conflicts and alliances that arise during war. [SS.6.1.17.2](#)
 - 3 Evaluate the impact of war on Alaska's ecosystems, resources, and landscapes, recognizing the environmental changes caused by military activities. [SS.6.1.17.3](#)
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Migration Patterns to and Within Alaska

- 19 Human Populations: Spatial Patterns and Movements [SS.6.1.19](#)
- 1 Examine the distribution of human populations over time, including population density, migration trends, and urbanization. [SS.6.1.19.1](#)
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Peoples of Alaska

Movement

- 19 Human Populations: Spatial Patterns and Movements [SS.6.2.19](#)
- 1 Investigate complex and diverse characteristics of human cultures across time and place, using multiple sources of information. [SS.6.2.19.1](#)
 - 2 Describe the characteristics of civilizations using real-world examples. [SS.6.2.19.2](#)
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The First Alaskans

- 22 Historical Sources and Evidence [SS.6.2.22](#)
- 1 Examine multiple explanations for how people came to Alaska. [SS.6.2.22.1](#)
 - 2 Investigate how the climate and physical features of Alaska influenced migration and settlement. [SS.6.2.22.2](#)
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Alaska Native Groups

- 21 Perspectives [SS.6.2.21](#)
- 1 Research Alaska Native groups through examination of oral histories, primary sources, and contributions over time. [SS.6.2.21.1](#)
 - 2 Explain the connection between culture and geography. [SS.6.2.21.2](#)
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Human Environment Interactions

- 16 Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture [SS.6.2.16](#)
- 1 Describe characteristics of historical and current human populations and determine how they vary by location. [SS.6.2.16.1](#)

Impact of Colonialism

23 Change, Continuity, and Context [SS.6.2.23](#)

- 1 Identify the factors that led to initial Russian and European contact. [SS.6.2.23.1](#)
- 2 Evaluate the immediate and long-term effects of colonization on Alaska Native groups. [SS.6.2.23.2](#)

Continued Immigration to Alaska

14 The Global Economy [SS.6.2.14](#)

- 1 Identify historical and contemporary populations that have migrated to Alaska in the past 200 years. [SS.6.2.14.1](#)
- 2 Examine the narratives, experiences, and impacts of various immigrant groups who have inhabited Alaska. [SS.6.2.14.2](#)
- 3 Engage in discussions of factors that could lead to future immigration to Alaska. [SS.6.2.14.3](#)

Resources and Economics

Alaska's Resources

18 Geographic Representations and Reasoning [SS.6.3.18](#)

- 1 Create maps of Alaska that show how physical characteristics have influenced where and how humans have settled. [SS.6.3.18.1](#)

Historical Use of Natural Resources

16 Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture [SS.6.3.16](#)

- 1 Evaluate how historical perspectives, ways of knowing, values, and current practices of Alaska Natives influence land, water, and resource uses. [SS.6.3.16.1](#)
- 2 Explain how Alaska's geographic location and resources have affected the state and the world. [SS.6.3.16.2](#)
- 3 Analyze and evaluate the impact of past management of Alaska's resources. [SS.6.3.16.3](#)
- 4 Formulate clear and focused questions about future resource use in Alaska. [SS.6.3.16.4](#)
- 5 Collaborate to create a plan for future preservation or use of Alaska's resources. [SS.6.3.16.5](#)
- 6 Evaluate how resource extraction in Alaska impacts government, economics, environment, and populations, identifying both positives and negatives. [SS.6.3.16.6](#)
- 7 Evaluate changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution, and importance of resources over time due to forces of cooperation and conflict. [SS.6.3.16.7](#)
- 8 Discuss how the resources of Alaska shaped the history of different regions. [SS.6.3.16.8](#)

Subsistence and Commercial Economics

11 Economic Systems, Models, and Markets **SS.6.3.11**

- 1** Analyze the impact of subsistence, barter, sharing, and cash economies in the lives of Alaska’s residents. **SS.6.3.11.1**

Alaska’s Role in the National Economy

13 The National Economy **SS.6.3.13**

- 1** Analyze how Alaska’s resources impact national supply and demand. **SS.6.3.13.1**

State, Local, and Tribal Economies

15 Alaska Economies: State, Local, and Tribal **SS.6.3.15**

- 1** Explain how local, Tribal, and state government agencies work to sustain resources and promote economic development in Alaska. **SS.6.3.15.1**

Community Awareness

Your Financial Decisions

12 Decision-Making and Personal Finance **SS.6.4.12**

- 1** Investigate methods of personal finance. **SS.6.4.12.1**
- 2** Devise a plan for making informed financial decisions. **SS.6.4.12.2**
- 3** Define cost-benefit analysis, trade-offs, and opportunity costs. **SS.6.4.12.3**
- 4** Investigate how choices impact personal financial security. **SS.6.4.12.4**

Government Institutions

6 Civic and Political Institutions and Systems **SS.6.4.6**

- 1** Examine the major components and roles of local, Tribal, and state governments. **SS.6.4.6.1**

Decision-Making Processes

8 Processes, Rules, and Laws **SS.6.4.8**

- 1** Evaluate and compare procedures for making decisions at the Tribal, local, state, and national levels. **SS.6.4.8.1**
- 2** Assess specific rules and laws (both actual and proposed) as means of addressing public concerns. **SS.6.4.8.2**
- 3** Identify the interconnectivity of local, Tribal, and state processes, rules, and laws. **SS.6.4.8.3**

Local, Tribal, and State Governments

9 Alaska's Governments [SS.6.4.9](#)

- 1 Describe essential characteristics of Alaska's local, Tribal, and state governments and their roles both locally and statewide. [SS.6.4.9.1](#)
- 2 Identify key components of political relationships between the federal government and Alaska Native groups. [SS.6.4.9.2](#)

Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Citizen

10 Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities of Citizens [SS.6.4.10](#)

- 1 Describe the roles and responsibilities of people in the United States. [SS.6.4.10.1](#)

The Value of Participation

7 Participation and Deliberation [SS.6.4.7](#)

- 1 Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives. [SS.6.4.7.1](#)
- 2 Distinguish the powers and responsibilities of residents, citizens, political parties, interest groups, and the media in a variety of governmental and nongovernmental contexts. [SS.6.4.7.2](#)