Geography Unit Overview

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* How the human and physical worlds are interconnected.
* Where regions are similar and how regions can be different from our local world.
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| **Vocabulary to master** |
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 | * Migration
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| * Culture/Human
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| * Physical
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 | * TALDOGS
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2. Add 3 words to the vocabulary list that we discussed but are not listed.
3. Choose one of the following activities and complete it:
* Create a map of Salem Middle School using TALDOGS. Make sure to identify at least 5 important places in the school. (For example: your pod, cafeteria, lake, etc.)
* Create an acronym or saying for the 7 continents to help students remember.
* Why do you think TALDOGS is useful in a time when we have GPS and Mapquest?

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