

STATE GOAL 17: Understand world geography and the effects of geography on society, with an emphasis on the United States.

A. Locate, describe and explain places, regions and features on the Earth.

17.A.2a Compare the physical characteristics of places including soils, land forms, vegetation, wildlife, climate, natural hazards.

17.A.2b Use maps and other geographic representations and instruments to gather information about people, places and environments.

B. Analyze and explain characteristics and interactions of the Earth's physical systems.

17.B.2a Describe how physical and human processes shape spatial patterns including erosion, agriculture and settlement.

17.B.2b Explain how physical and living components interact in a variety of ecosystems including desert, prairie, flood plain, forest, tundra.

C. Understand relationships between geographic factors and society.

17.C.2a Describe how natural events in the physical environment affect human activities.

17.C.2b Describe the relationships among location of resources, population distribution and economic activities (e.g., transportation, trade, communications).

17.C.2c Explain how human activity affects the environment.

D. Understand the historical significance of geography.

17.D.2a Describe how physical characteristics of places influence people's perceptions and their roles in the world over time.

17.D.2b Identify different settlement patterns in Illinois and the United States and relate them to physical features and resources.

STATE GOAL 18: Understand social systems, with an emphasis on the United States.

A. Compare characteristics of culture as reflected in language, literature, the arts, traditions and institutions.

18.A.2 Explain ways in which language, stories, folk tales, music, media and artistic creations serve as expressions of culture.

B. Understand the roles and interactions of individuals and groups in society.

18.B.2a Describe interactions of individuals, groups and institutions in situations drawn from the local community (e.g., local response to state and national reforms).

18.B.2b Describe the ways in which institutions meet the needs of society.

C. Understand how social systems form and develop over time.

18.C.2 Describe how changes in production (e.g., hunting and gathering, agricultural, industrial) and population caused changes in social systems.