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THE GREAT AMERICAN ROAD TRIP

Middle School Geography Skills Summer Course

Students entering grades 6-9



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Summer provides the perfect opportunity to spend more time on a subject that is often overlooked: geography! Geography is a beautiful subject that allows us to stop and ponder the created world around us. While memory work and map skills are very important pieces of geography; so is instilling the awe and wonder of God's creation.

Summer is also a great time to plan a road trip, and this summer students can take a road trip touring the entire United States! Over the course of five weeks, students will learn about each region of the U.S. and dive into the world of geography through maps, famous landmarks, folk tales, music, and discussions. Students will:

- **Learn and develop basic geography skills:** use an atlas, identify political and physical markers on maps, create maps, become familiar with longitude and latitude, and more.
- **Be introduced to the basic geography of each region of the United States:** states, cities, physical features, famous landmarks, and more.
- **Ponder and discuss the effect geography has on people and how it creates a regional culture.** Students will have the opportunity to share with the class the region they call home. They will be given prompts and tools to do this, but can share in variety of ways what is unique about their home "geography" (recipes, sports, landscape, clothing, dialect, celebrations, recreation, and more).

COURSE TIMES

Tuesdays and Thursdays
2:00-3:00pm ET

June 7 and 9
June 14 and 16
June 21 and 23
June 28 and 30
July 5 and 7

INSTRUCTOR



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REQUIRED MATERIALS

- National Geographic (kids) United States Atlas or *any* U.S. Atlas
- Tracing paper (a notebook or pack)
- Blank paper or poster board
- Pencils, colored pencils or markers

WEEKLY BREAKDOWN



*Week 1: The Northeast

Week 2: The South

Week 3: The Midwest

Week 4: The West

Week 5: Hawaii, Alaska, U.S. Territories

**The first week of class, students will be able to sign up for a class time to present their home region!*



"Geography is, to my mind, a subject of high educational value. Its peculiar value lies in its fitness to nourish the mind with ideas, and to furnish the imagination with pictures." ~Charlotte Mason



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Tisha Frost has been teaching in a variety of settings over the last 20 years after following one of the best pieces of advice she was ever given, "Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire" (attributed to St. Catherine of Siena). This inspired her to study both history and theology during her undergraduate years. She obtained a B.A. in American Studies, with a minor in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. She also holds a Master of Education from the University of Notre Dame, specializing in Middle School and High School Social Studies. Through her experiences of teaching many students, including her own children, she has seen the need for restful education that is focused on the true, good, and beautiful. Tisha resides in **Northern Minnesota** with her husband and six children. When she has a moment to herself, she enjoys children's literature, British mysteries, good movies, and baking.

