Updates
The 5th edition materials for Cultural Geography incorporate best practices from the National Standards for Geography as well as topics to emphasize human geography and cultures. With three chapters removed and three chapters added, the 5th edition materials are not compatible with 4th edition materials.

Basic Features

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Scope & Sequence Updates

- The topics covered have not changed, but the extent to which each topic is covered has.
- Units 1 and 2 have been combined and condensed, refocusing on establishing a biblical and historical context for studying the world, its physical geography, its climate, and its people.
- Unit 4, previously Unit 5, has been expanded to cover Northern Europe, Continental Western Europe, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Southern Europe in separate chapters.
- Africa is introduced and covered earlier in Unit 5 instead of Unit 8.
- The Middle East and Central and South Asia have been combined in Unit 6.
- East and Southeast Asia have been expanded for Unit 7.
- Content on the United States, resources and economies, and the Persian Gulf has been reduced to one chapter each instead of two.
- Content has been added throughout to add emphasis to human geography and essential historic context.
- The student activities manual has been revised and updated to encourage students to explore statistics, interact with primary sources, and practice study skills.

New Features

- Big Idea questions have been added to the beginning of each chapter to guide the students’ reading.
- Guiding Questions have been added to the beginning of each section to help students identify important concepts.
- Some chapters include a Global Impact feature which challenges students to develop critical-thinking skills as they determine the global significance of events.
- Additional projects and discussion topics have been added to the teacher edition.
- Sign posts have been added to the teacher edition to guide teachers through each lesson; page numbers have been added for quiz answers and chapter review answers to facilitate easy grading and reference.