

Standards Correlation — The Continents Journey

What we cover, and where

BARRARI ACADEMY · Correlation Guide · Ages 8–12 (grades 3–7)

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The Continents Journey teaches 7 of the 18 National Geography Standards. Every page number below was read from the printed interiors. Open the page and check.

All six country editions — Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Oceania — are built from one identical template, so the page numbers are the same in all six. Antarctica has its own structure and its own column.

Std	What teaches it	Pages — the 6 country books	Pages — Antarctica
1	Map page: the child locates the country on a regional map and colours it in	7, 12, 17, 22, 27, 32, 37	— (no map activity page)
2	Same map page — the country is shown among its neighbours, building a mental map rather than an isolated outline	7, 12, 17, 22, 27, 32, 37	— (as above)
4	Profile page: land area, geographic feature, capital, population, language, currency, national dish	5, and 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36	5, and 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24
5	Continent overview presents the continent as a region and compares the places within it	5	5
9	Population figures and what they mean. <i>Antarctica also covers migration: summer vs winter populations</i>	5, and 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36	5, and 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24
10	Language, national dish, landmark, unique cultural fact	5, and 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36	— (stations have no national culture)
13	Government and nationhood — who controls the territory and how it came to be. <i>Overview contrasts republic / absolute monarchy / constitutional monarchy</i>	5, and 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36	5, and 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24
15	<i>Antarctica only:</i> the polar winter drives people off the continent — a physical system visibly shaping a human one	—	6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24

Country editions: 7 standards — 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13. Antarctica: 5 standards — 4, 5, 9, 13, 15. Series total: 8 distinct standards across four of the six essential elements.

Why Antarctica differs

It is a genuinely different book: 35 pages against the others' 49, and its seven items are research stations, not countries — no capital, no currency, no national dish, and no map activity page. Two things follow, and they cut both ways:

- It **loses** Standards 1, 2 and 10.

- It **gains** Standard 15, which no other book in the series teaches. Every station profile states that the winter population collapses (McMurdo: ~1,000 in summer, ~200 in winter) because of the polar winter. That is a physical system shaping a human one, stated plainly.
 - Its Standard 13 coverage is the strongest in the series: page 5 explains the Antarctic Treaty — that no nation may claim the continent, and that dozens of nations share it by agreement.
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What we do not claim

A correlation is only worth reading if it can be checked and found wrong. Eleven standards are not taught by these books, and we do not assert them:

3 (analyse spatial organisation) — locating and colouring a country is not analysis. **6** (how culture shapes perception of places) — not addressed. **7** (physical processes shaping Earth's surface) — the profile names a river; it never explains how the river formed. **8** (ecosystems and biomes) — not addressed. Antarctica names nearby wildlife; that is not ecosystem distribution. **11** (economic interdependence) — the profile names a currency. A currency is not interdependence. **12** (human settlement) — the profile names a capital. Naming a capital is not teaching settlement patterns. *Arguable; deliberately not claimed.* **14** (human actions modifying the environment) — not addressed. **15** — not taught in the six country editions. (*Antarctica does; see above. The Teacher & Homeschool Edition also teaches it, through its discussion questions.*) **16** (resources) — not addressed. **17** (geography to interpret the past) — historical dates are given, but geography is not used to interpret them. **18** (geography to interpret the present and plan ahead) — not addressed.

The word-search and Explorer's Notes pages support Common Core ELA vocabulary and writing. **They teach no geography content standard**, and are not counted above.

Notes

Grade bands. *Geography for Life* sets expectations for grade 4, grade 8 and grade 12. These books target ages 8–12 (grades 3–7), so every claim above is made against the grade-4 and grade-8 bands, not grade-12.

A correction to the published source. The NCGE website's summary page currently mis-prints two standards — it shows Standard 7 with Standard 4's text, and Standard 16 with Standard 11's text. The wording used here follows *Geography for Life* and was confirmed against the National Geographic Society and Sally Ride EarthKAM listings.

Sources. Standards: <https://ncge.org/teacher-resources/national-geography-standards/> · Page numbers and page content read directly from the interior PDFs in KDP Print Files/, 15 Jul 2026.