

Standards Correlation — Restless Earth, Wild Weather, Human Wonders & Great Cities

What the four newest geography journeys cover, and where

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

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What these guides cover

Four journeys are now complete and correlated here, all against the **18 National Geography Standards** (*Geography for Life*, 2nd ed., grade-4 and grade-8 performance bands):

- **Restless Earth** — 7 books: Famous Volcanoes · Great Earthquakes · Highest Mountains · Amazing Caves · Deepest Canyons · Geysers & Hot Springs · Strange Landforms.
- **Wild Weather** — 7 books: Hottest · Coldest · Driest · Rainiest · Snowiest · Stormiest · Windiest Places.
- **Human Wonders** — 8 books: Amazing Skylines · Ancient Ruins · Famous Bridges · Famous Castles · Famous Landmarks · Famous Towers · Tallest Buildings · Tallest Statues.
- **Great Cities** — 7 books: Biggest Cities · Cities at the Edge · Cities on Water · Famous Capitals · Highest Cities · Oldest Cities · Countries with Two Capitals.

Each book follows the shared unit — a ranked, mapped **profile page** per item (locator map + a consistent facts block), the word search / crossword activities, and a certificate. The mapping below is by the **facts field that teaches each standard**, identical across every book in a journey.

Interior page structure — verified from the printed interiors in KDP Print Files/: Explorer’s Passport p.3, “How to Use” p.4, the **teaching / overview page p.5**, and the **seven profile pages on p.6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30** (each item is a 4-page block). This holds across all 42-page books. *Oldest Cities* runs 43 pp, so its later profiles may shift by one — confirm against that interior. The **Amazing Skylines** interior is not yet printed, so that one title stays at “**Supports**” until it exists; the other 27 new books are page-verified.

These four extend the line into the two elements the Continents Journey never reached — **Physical Systems** (Restless Earth, Wild Weather) and a deep treatment of **Human Systems / settlement** (Human Wonders, Great Cities).

1 • Restless Earth — the Physical-Systems journey

The record set is Earth’s landforms and forces. This journey reaches furthest into **Standard 7 (physical processes)** of any series — every book explains *how* its feature forms (a volcano erupts, a mountain is pushed up, a cave dissolves, a canyon is carved, an earthquake releases plate strain).

Std	What teaches it (facts field / page)	Books
1	Per-profile Location + locator map; ranking overview	all 7
2	Each feature shown in its place (mental map of where extremes sit)	all 7
3	World Rank + measured value (Height / depth / magnitude) — spatial analysis by ranking	all 7
4	Physical characteristics: Type, Nature, Height, Record	all 7

5	The set is defined (what makes these “the seven X”)	all 7
7	How the feature forms — eruption, uplift, dissolution, erosion, plate movement (Type / Nature / Record)	all 7 (esp. Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Caves, Canyons)
8	Ecosystems tied to the feature (cave glowworms, crater life)	incidental (Caves, Landforms)
13	Country / cross-border ranges and features	all 7

Series total: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 13 (+ 8 incidental). Discussion questions in the Teacher & Homeschool editions reach **Standard 15** (how physical conditions shape how people live).

2 • Wild Weather — *the climate journey*

The record set is climate extremes. Its core is **Standard 7 as weather & climate**, and it is the journey that most naturally reaches **Standard 15** (climate shaping where and how people live), since several books contrast record extremes with the *inhabited* places that endure them.

Std	What teaches it (facts field / page)	Books
1	Location + locator map; overview ranking	all 7
2	Where Earth’s climate extremes sit (mental map)	all 7
3	World Rank + the measured Record (temperature, rainfall, snow, wind)	all 7
4	Climate characteristics: Record , Why-so-hot/cold/wet , Nature	all 7
5	Defines the set (why these seven)	all 7
7	The physical system behind the weather — the “Why So ...” field explains the cause (fog, elevation, valley shape, storms)	all 7
13	Country where each record sits	all 7
15	Extremes vs. the inhabited places that live with them (record place vs. record town)	Coldest, Hottest, Driest (the “coldest town / hottest inhabited”)

Series total: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 15. The first geography journey to teach **Standard 15** inside the books themselves, not only in discussion.

3 • Human Wonders — *the built-environment journey*

The record set is the greatest structures people have built. Its heart is **Standard 12 (human-built structures & settlement)** and **Standard 17 (using geography to interpret the past)** — especially the Ancient Ruins, Castles and Landmarks books.

Std	What teaches it (facts field / page)	Books
1	Location + locator map; overview ranking	all 8
2	Where the world’s great structures stand (mental map)	all 8
3	World Rank + measured Height / Length	Skylines, Towers, Buildings, Statues, Bridges
4	Characteristics: Type , Material , Opened/Completed , Feature	all 8
5	Defines the set (why these count)	all 8
12	Human-built structures and why they were made (Claim, Feature, Depicts)	all 8
17	Using the structure to interpret the past (Opened/Completed, who built it and why)	Ancient Ruins, Castles, Landmarks, Towers
13	Country / territory of each structure	all 8

Series total: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 17. Discussion reaches **Standard 6** (how culture shapes what people build). This journey covers **12 and 17**, which none of the physical journeys do.

4 • Great Cities — the human-settlement journey

The record set is the world's remarkable cities. It is the journey that reaches **Standard 9 (population)** and, through capitals, **Standard 13 (organising territory & government)**.

Std	What teaches it (facts field / page)	Books
1	Location + locator map; overview ranking	all 7
2	Where the great cities sit (mental map), by Continent	all 7
3	World Rank + measured value (population, age, height)	Biggest, Highest, Oldest
4	City characteristics: Landmark, Famous For, Continent	all 7
5	Defines the set (what makes these cities remarkable)	all 7
9	Population — where and how densely people live	Biggest, Highest, Oldest, Edge
12	Patterns of human settlement (why cities grow where they do)	all 7 (esp. On Water, At Edge)
13	Capitals & government — how people organise territory	Famous Capitals, Two Capitals
17	The oldest cities used to interpret the human past	Oldest Cities

Series total: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 17. Discussion reaches **Standard 15** (how the environment shapes where and how people live — sharpest in Highest Cities and Cities at the Edge).

What none of the four claim

6 (culture & perception) — reached only in Human Wonders discussion, not taught as a standard. **10** (cultural mosaics) — incidental where a profile names a landmark or people; not taught. **11** (economic interdependence), **14** (humans modifying environments), **16** (resources) — not addressed as standards in these books. **18** (applying geography to the future) — not addressed. Word search and crossword support **Common Core ELA** vocabulary; they teach no geography content standard and are not counted.

Where each new journey fits the whole line

Essential Element / Standard	Continents	W.Rec.	Water	Restless	Weather	Human W.	G.Cities
1 Maps & representations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 Mental maps	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 Spatial organisation / ranking	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 Characteristics of places	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 People create regions / sets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Culture & perception	—	—	—	—	—	(disc.)	—
7 Physical processes	—	✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓	—	—
8 Ecosystems & biomes	—	✓	✓	(inc.)	—	—	—
9 Population	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓

12 Human settlement / built structures	—	✓ (Wond)	✓	—	—	✓✓	✓✓
13 Cooperation & control of territory	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓
15 Physical systems affect human life	(disc.)	(disc.)	(disc.)	(disc.)	✓	(disc.)	(disc.)
17 Uses of geography (the past)	—	✓ (Wond)	—	—	—	✓	✓ (Oldest)

Together the seven journeys now reach standards **1-5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17** — a broad, defensible spread across five of the six essential elements.

Wording: with the interior page numbers now confirmed above, the four printed new journeys qualify for the stronger claim — **“Aligned to the U.S. National Geography Standards (Geography for Life), grades 3-7.”** The one exception is **Amazing Skylines**, which stays at **“Supports”** until its interior is printed and correlated.

Sources: <https://ncge.org/teacher-resources/national-geography-standards/> · facts fields read from the Data library; interiors in KDP Print Files/{Restless Earth, Wild Weather, Human Wonders, Great Cities}.