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Super Social Studies Infographics: World Geography Through Inforgraphics

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Book Review

Title: Super Social Studies Infographics: World Geography Through Inforgraphics

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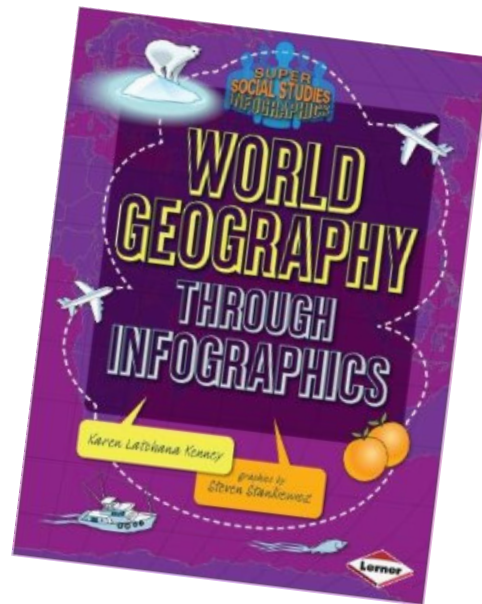
Publication Year: 2015

ISBN: 9781467734615

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Intermediate

Rating: Dependable



Review

This book explores a plethora of different concepts relating to geography through various infographics. The pages contain lots of images, including maps of how far an orange travels and the seven largest mountain peaks in the world. Other pages include lots of illustrations to examine tropical rain forests to explain the layers of the habitat, but also the significance it has on the world by affecting things like air quality. Graphs and charts of smog levels in London and of population in the largest city of a country versus the population of the country's capital are also included to make the presented concepts easier to grasp for young minds.

The infographics of this book are very colorful and large, making it grab the attention of young readers. It explains things like climate change by relating it how the rising temperatures affect the seal and polar bear populations, thus enticing an emotional response that makes the information stick in the minds of children. Each subject explored contains a small text portion followed by illustration to help children visualize the concept. Although the information presented is eye catching and interesting, the book lacks flow as the pages skip from one concept to another with no connection of the two made. A prime example being a section that discusses tropical rain forests and mentions air quality does not lead into the selection examining smog. For the younger readers, a small glossary of terms is included at the end of the book to define and explain some of the more complex vocabulary, but this book is best suited for older elementary or middle school aged children.