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# Preface

*World Regional Geography* takes a regional approach to globalization and world geography. The textbook was designed to provide accurate and current information regarding world regional geography in an easy-to-read format. Fundamental geographic concepts and regions are presented in concise chapters that provide a foundational framework for understanding development patterns around the world. Essential topics include location, the environment, and global economic dynamics. Important theories, concepts, and principles are utilized throughout the textbook for each region.

*World Regional Geography* focuses on the primary issues that have created our cultural and societal structures within a framework for global understanding. The text outlines a pattern of development from the imprint of European colonialism on culture to the impact that giant retail corporations like Walmart have on consumerism. Basic spatial concepts will be illustrated throughout the text to provide continuity of ideas and application of concepts to every region of the world.

*World Regional Geography* is succinct, concise, and to the point. The basic concepts are covered with real-world examples. The text is brief enough to provide flexibility for additional specialized information from outside sources to be added to the classroom discussion as the professor desires. Each concise chapter focuses on one subject or region. This format is ideal for the purpose of course management and flexibility. This book was designed for students to experience and study as much of the world as possible within a limited amount of time.

*World Regional Geography* provides students with a working knowledge of world geography. Special sections on relevant topics are distributed throughout the book. Learning objectives are presented before each section. Terms and key takeaways are included at the end of each lesson to support retention and stimulate critical thinking.