

# TERM 4 PACIFIC ISLAND STUDIES – GEOGRAPHY OVERVIEW



## **Standard 7: Geography: World in Spatial Terms (World in Spatial Terms)**

Use geographic representation to organize, analyze, and present information on people, places, and environments and understand the nature and interaction of geographic regions and societies around the world.

### **Benchmark – SS.7PI.7.1:**

Use geographic representations such as maps or models to explain population distribution and the physical and human characteristics of places in Oceania, including landforms, natural resources, climate, river, lakes, bridges, dams, roads, and buildings.

### **Benchmark – SS.7PI.7.2:**

Describe demographic patterns and how they affect places.

### **Essential/Connection Questions:**

1. Why do people choose to live where they do?
2. Where and why are the major populations centers (cities) located in the state of Hawaii?
3. What makes Mililani a desirable place to live?

## **OVERVIEW OF UNIT**

Geography is the science of earth. One of the tools of a geographer is a map. During this term, you will be learning about various types of maps (physical, distribution and human) and using them to explain why certain things are there. You will need to ask yourself 2 questions: 1) Where is it located? and 2) Why is it located there? As we learn about the various types of maps, students will learn about the 3 different regions in the Pacific: Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia.

In addition, you will also be learning about demography. Demography is the study of human populations. As a demographer, you will need to study the populations in the Pacific. The goal will be to explain how the movement of people affects certain places in the Pacific.