

### GEOPOEM Directions

To create your GeoPoem, you will put together what you know about South Central Asia in a creative manner. Start with a particular place, such as a city, and end with a location. Or start with a country and end with a region. Use adjectives, geographic terms and word pictures as they write. Capture the essence, the spirit or the character of the place you are writing about.

Good Luck! Total Possible points 50

### GEOPOEM (Title) 3pts

#### Line

1. City/country name 3pts
2. Four physical features that describe the place 4pts
3. Three cultural features about the place 5pts
4. Neighbor of/bordering 3pts
5. Climate description in a season/year(Place/physical) 4pts
6. Home of 3 items that give the place character 5pts
7. Three historical events that help shape this place (Human –Environment Interaction) 5pts
8. Current issues/ problems of the region 5pts
9. County/Region Name 5pts
10. Your Name 3pts

\* Creativity and use of adjectives 5pts

### Sample GEOPOEM

#### Along the Silk Road

Hot Taklamakan desert sand, flaming mountains glowing red,  
Barren steppes, refreshing oasis.

Mogao Grottoes cave paintings, languages of Kazaks and Uzbeks, spread of  
Islam to Xingiang

East to West – Xian to Antioch

From high desert temperatures to high altitudes lows, paths are slippery with  
ice and snow.

Home of Ferghana's famous horses, camel caravans, and Buddhist relics

Chinese secrets of silk most important for the West brought people East,

Major world religions spread

Along the road: Buddhism, Islam, Christianity

Technologies of writing, weaving and agriculture

Were spread

Travel by sea in the Age of Discovery ended its reign

Modern day conflicts among groups prevent people of today from making

The long journey across the route

Silk Road, East met West, forever intertwined.....

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