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You might wonder why it is important to study other countries in the world. As a person who lives in the state of Georgia in the United States, you do not live very close to any of these other countries. However, Georgians today are connected closely to the whole world. You have goods such as clothing or electronics that have been manufactured in other countries and sold in your state. You may have family members who work for businesses that depend on trade with other countries. You live in a country that works with governments around the world, and the United States military defends our country from sites around the globe.

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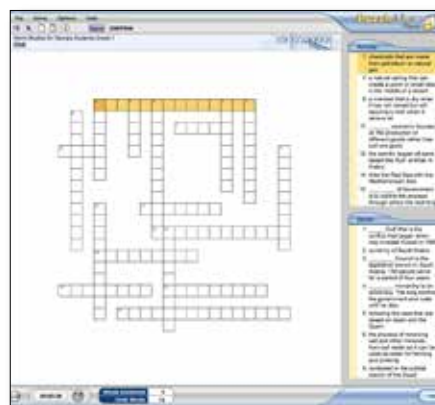
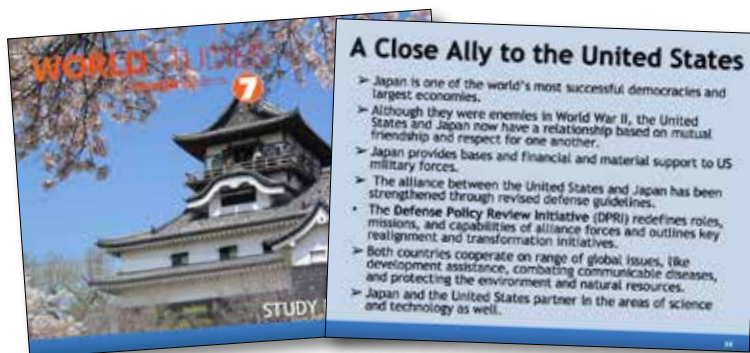


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