If you only have 15 minutes …

Sometimes we read about foreign countries or regions and do not have a solid understanding of where they are or why they're important. Foreign names are sometimes hard to pronounce, and for some of us, that's where the comprehension ends. In this activity, you will locate several countries and regions on a map where women and men have migrated from to find work in the US trucking industry.

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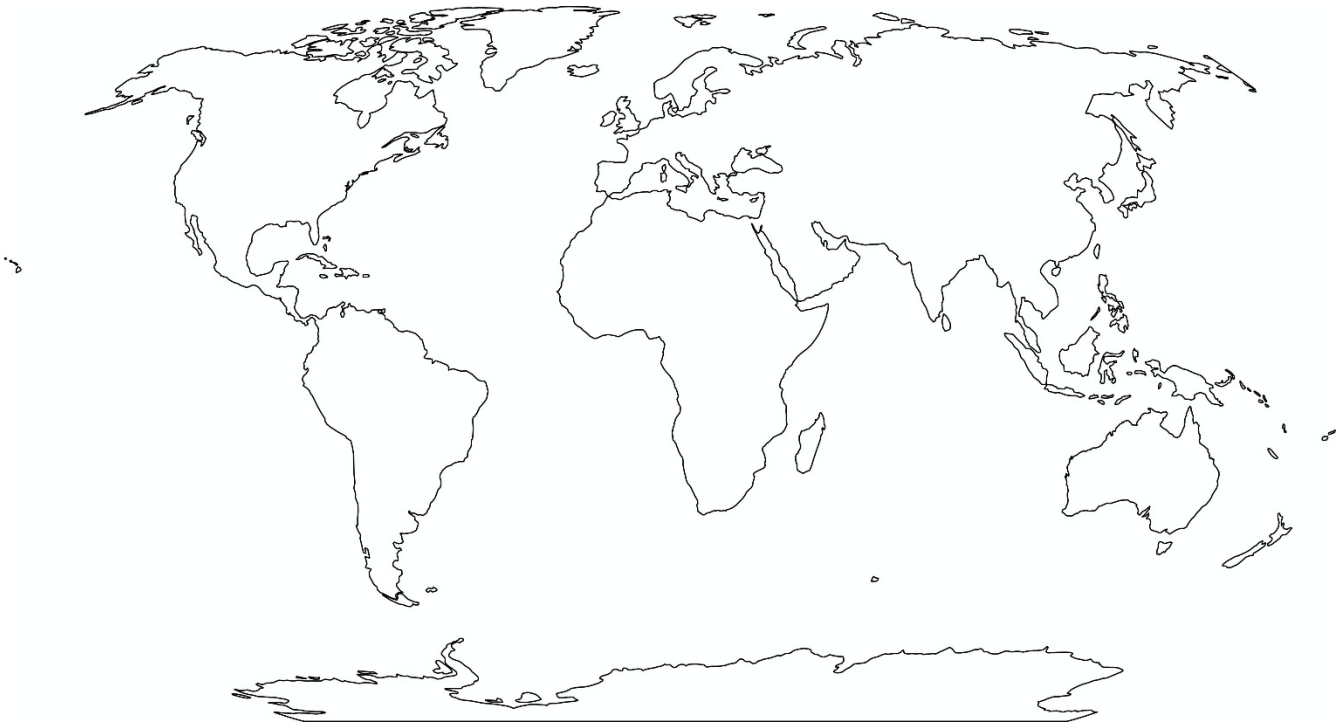

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Directions:

1. Look at the outline map above. (A separate printable map can be found on the next page.) and locate the following countries or regions on the map.
    - Kazakhstan
    - Turkmenistan
    - Punjab region of South Asia
    - Eastern Europe
    - Mexico
    - Central America

2. Answer the following questions:

    - What do the first two locations have to do with Arailym Mergenova and Ramiz Kerimov, both featured in the article?

    - According to the article, what impact are people from these regions having on the trucking industry?

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Common Core Standard(s) Met:

CCRA.R.1 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

CCRA.R.2 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

CCRA.R.7 Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

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