

OVERVIEW: World Geography is a one-year course. The information below will serve as a guide to the units studied first semester. When the second semester begins, students will receive another syllabus that details the remainder of the year.

ACTIVITIES: A variety of activities will be used throughout the year to instruct and assess student understanding. Activities include analysis of current events, small & large group discussions, presentations, close readings of articles, etc.

Unit One – Maps

Focus Question – How do we use maps to navigate our world?

Topics: Parts of a Map
 Thematic Maps
 Map Analysis

Unit Two – Physical Systems

Focus Question – How does the physical world shape our lives?

Topics: Physical Feature Identification
 Weather
 Climate

Unit Three – Culture

Focus Question – How does culture define people?

Topics: Key terms defined and described
 Elements of culture
 Culture Analysis

Unit Four – Political and Economic Systems

Focus Question - How does money control our choices?

Topics: Types of Government
 Types of Economies
 System Analysis

Unit Five - East Asia

Focus Question - What controls people?

Topics: Map Study
 Case studies of China, Japan, North and South Korea

Unit Six - Latin America

Focus Question - How do people's choices affect others?

Topics: Map Study
Case studies of Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela

Unit Seven - Europe

Focus Question - What compels countries to cooperate?

Topics: Map Study
European Union Analysis

Grading Scale: 100 - 90 = A
89 - 80 = B
79 - 70 = C
69 - 60 = D
59 & below = F

General Grade Breakdown: On average, the following percentages will give you an idea on how your grade will be determined.

30% - Participation
70% - Assessments

Make up Policy: This policy applies to excused absences. It is your responsibility when absent to approach me about the work you missed.

General Classroom Principles:

1. Be respectful of your classmates, teachers, & school (phones should not be visible or heard from)
2. Be prepared for class (see materials below)
3. Be on time and on task for class
4. Be considerate of your learning environment and bring in water to drink (no sugary drinks or food allowed)

Textbooks: Geography Alive Online subscription

Materials: Chromebook, optional notebook and paper, a folder/binder and your planner.

I look forward to a great 1st semester,
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