

World Geography Syllabus 2013-2014

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Conference: 5th period (11:10 pm-12:40pm) Classroom: L230

Textbook: Glencoe World Geography (\$59.97)

Purpose of the Course

Welcome to geography! This course introduces you to the cultural and physical world and your relationship to it. The goal is to provide insights needed to begin an understanding of the Earth's environments and fascinating cultures.

Summary of the Course

The first semester will emphasize the North America, South America, and Europe as well as geography skills, earth systems, and the foundations of cultural and physical geography. The second semester will be devoted to the study of the Africa, Asia, and Oceania/Antarctica. The 6 Essential Elements of geography and TEKS objectives will be covered throughout the course.

In addition, opportunities to refine the content through the exercise of map and globe skills, reading skills, and critical thinking skills will be provided. You should also be prepared to discuss and analyze newsworthy world events.

Grading Procedures

Daily grades, which make up 50% of your average, consist of homework, independent practice exercises, quizzes, and maps. Major grades are 50% of your average and will include tests and projects (in-class and at home). District policy requires at least 11 daily grades and a minimum of 3 major grades, a total of 14 per nine weeks. 1 Major grade and 3 Daily Grades for each progress report.

Late work: Daily Grades- 1 day -30, 2 days -50

Major Grades- 1 day-25, 2 days -40, 3 days -50

Make Up

Make up work is your responsibility. Please refer to the student handbook and remain in communication with your teacher.

Tutoring

Tutorials will be held Tuesday & Thursday, between 6:50-7:20 am. Tutoring sessions will also be available by appointment as set up by the student, parent, and/or teacher. Students need to let me know the day before that they are planning to attend tutorials.

Materials

You will need the following supplies in class:

- Spiral 11" x 8-1/2" 200 pages(Plastic Cover preferred)
 - This will be a notebook that all work will be kept in
- Pen or pencil
- Map/Colored pencils(Optional: hand held sharpener)

Classroom Rules:

1. Be on time to class.
2. Have all things to be prepared for class.
3. Treat each other with respect.
4. Be attentive in class.
5. No purses or backpacks on desk.
6. Electronic Devices(Smart Phones, IPOD's, Tablet's, etc.) shall not be out unless allowed by the teacher.

Scope and Sequence**First Nine Weeks**

- 6 Elements
- Landforms, Water, and Natural Resources
- Weather and Climate
- Population Patterns
- Culture
- North America

Second Nine Weeks

- Central and South America
- Europe

Third Nine Weeks

- Sub Sahara Africa
- Southwest Asia and North Africa
- East Asia

Fourth Nine Weeks

- East Asia Cont.
- Oceania, and Antarctica
- Our World Today

Teacher Website:

- A link can be found on RidgePoinths.com or you can go to www.coachmacikworldgeography.weebly.com

****** All class work is considered homework if it is not completed within the class period.**