

WORLD GEOGRAPHY
Class Syllabus

Class Length: Semester

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COURSE GOAL:

Students will leave this class with a basic understanding of World Geography.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

World Geography is a course designed to equip students with an understanding of the five themes of geography (location, place, human environmental interactions, movement, and regions). Students will communicate and apply geography related skills to real world applications and learn how people create and change power structures globally and regionally. Students will be able to apply geographic knowledge to improve skills like reading maps and understanding different cultures, will understand the effects of time and continuity on historical and future perspectives. Students will also learn to make informed economical decisions from geographical economics. In addition, students will learn and understand the impact of humans have on society and culture. Included is a survey of the following geographical areas: United States, North America, South America, Europe, Russia (& outlying areas), Asia, Australia (& outlying areas), and Africa. Included in this course will also be Montana/regional specific geography lessons.

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. LEARNING WORLD GEOGRAPHY

- **CLASSROOM BASICS**
 - ❖ Classroom Expectations and Rules
 - ❖ Classroom Layout
 - ❖ Available Technology Tools
- **THE PHYSICAL WORLD**
 - ❖ Planet Earth
 - ❖ Forces of Change
 - ❖ Earth's Water
- **CLIMATES OF THE EARTH**
 - ❖ Earth-Sun Relationships
 - ❖ Factors Affecting Climate
 - ❖ World Climate Patterns
- **THE HUMAN WORLD**
 - ❖ World Population
 - ❖ Global Cultures
 - ❖ Political and Economic Systems
 - ❖ Resources, Trade, and the Environment
 - ❖ Physical
 - ❖ Political
 - ❖ Region Today
 - ❖ Country Profiles
- **PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY**
 - ❖ The Land, Climate and Vegetation
 - The United States
 - Canada

- Latin America
- Europe
- Russia
- North Africa
- Southwest Asia and Central Asia
- Africa South of the Sahara
- South Asia
- East Asia
- Southeast Asia
- Australia
- Oceania,
- Antarctica

▪ **CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY OF**

- ❖ The United States
- ❖ Canada
- ❖ Latin America
 - Mexico
 - Central America and the Caribbean
 - South America
- ❖ Europe
 - Northern Europe
 - Western Europe
- ❖ Russia
 - Population and Culture
 - History and Government
- ❖ North Africa, Southwest Asia and Central Asia
 - North Africa
 - The Eastern Mediterranean
 - The Northeast
 - The Arabian Peninsula
 - Central Asia
- ❖ Africa South of the Sahara
 - The Sahel
 - East Africa
 - West Africa
 - Central Africa
 - Southern Africa
- ❖ South Asia
 - India
 - Pakistan and Bangladesh
 - Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and Sri Lanka
- ❖ East Asia
 - China
 - Japan
 - North and South Korea
- ❖ Southeast Asia
 - Mainland Southeast Asia

- Island Southeast Asia
- ❖ Australia, Oceania and Antarctica
 - Australia and New Zealand
 - Oceania
- **THE REGION TODAY**
 - ❖ The Economy
 - ❖ People and Their Environment
 - ❖ Case Studies of the Regions
 - ❖ The Global Economy
 - ❖ Levels of Development
 - ❖ The European Union
 - ❖ Protecting People and the Environment
 - ❖ Sunni and Shia Muslims
 - ❖ Women and Development
 - ❖ Population Structure
 - ❖ Japan's Aging Population
 - ❖ The Vietnam War
 - ❖ Clash of Cultures

COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

GRADING:

- ❖ Students must request make-up work and one day for each day absent is given
- ❖ Students must request work ahead of time for school-related absences and work is due on the day the student returns unless arrangements are made ahead of time
- ❖ Late assignments will be deducted 50% of the points possible
- ❖ Grading will be done in a timely fashion and grades will be put in the PowerSchool Gradebook weekly
- ❖ Grading is done on a total points basis and progress reports will be sent to students with a 69% or below

CHEATING:

Cheating is absolutely not tolerated. Copying another student's work and sharing files is cheating. Any students involved in cheating will result in the zero credit for all parties involved, even if one student can prove they did the work.

GRADE SCALE:

93-100	= A	80-82	= B-	67-69	= D+
90-92	= A-	77-79	= C+	63-66	= D
87-89	= B+	73-76	= C	60-62	= D-
83-86	= B	70-72	= C-	59-0	= F

CLASSROOM RULES:

1. ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE!!!
2. Chromebooks will remain off unless instructed to use.
 - a. No games on the Chromebooks.
3. No food or drinks near the Chromebooks.
4. Be responsible, Come Prepared, Have Good Character and Show Respect