

Student Syllabus

World Geography

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Welcome to World Geography! My name is Mr. Rasco. You may be asking yourself, "What is World Geography"? Well, World Geography is the study of the world we live in and the people who live here. If you have ever wanted to travel to see interesting places in the world, or if you have ever had an interest in other people or cultures, you have the makings of a World Geographer. Now don't let anyone tell you that World Geography is a bunch of memorizing states, capitals and countries. Instead of this boring approach, let's use this time to explore the world. Let's take a virtual trip around the world and visit exciting destinations. You know, the kinds of places people pay a lot of money to visit on vacation. Let's look at the cultures, religions, peoples and ways of life. I hope that by the end of this class you have a much better understanding of the diversity our world has to offer and how important knowledge of that diversity is for you,

- **Course Goals**

- To have an understanding of the world we live in.
- To understand the importance of World Geography.
- To integrate World Geography into your life.

- **Student and Teacher Responsibilities:**

- My responsibilities as your teacher:
 - 1) Provide you with the information you need to be successful.
 - 2) Provide a safe environment for you learn.
 - 3) Show courtesy and respect to my students.
- Your responsibilities as a student:
 - 1) Be on time and prepared for class.
 - 2) Show courtesy and respect to your fellow students and the teacher.
 - 3) Work hard and don't give up.

- **Daily Class Schedule:**

- Warm Up: You will be responsible for copying information provided on the overhead. You will turn this in for a test grade at the end of the nine weeks. You will be responsible for keeping it in your notebook.
- Instruction
- Individual Work, Group Work, Project Work or Study Time

- **Materials Needed:**

- Pencil or pen and paper every day!
- Spiral Notebook preferably with pockets.
- Each class will need to contribute to the classroom supplies. Each class will bring something different. Your contribution will be _____.

Plagiarism:

- Plagiarism is offering someone else's work as your own, whether that's one sentence or entire paragraphs. This can be from an Internet source, book, magazine, or the writing of other students.
- What happens if you are caught plagiarizing? There is a zero tolerance policy in effect. You will receive a failing grade for the assignment. Your parents or guardians will be contacted, and the principle will be alerted through an office referral.

Course Schedule

FIRST 9 WEEKS	Unit 1	The Five Themes of World Geography
	Unit 2	Landforms and the Earth's Changes
	Unit 3	Climate and Ecosystems
	Unit 4	Population and Culture
	Unit 5	Political and Economic Systems
SECOND 9 WEEKS	Unit 6	Levels of Economic Development
	Unit 7	United States and Canada
	Unit 8	Latin America
	Unit 9	Western Europe
	SEMESTER FINAL - Halfway there!	
THIRD 9 WEEKS	Unit 10	Eastern Europe
	Unit 11	Russia and Its Former Republics
	Unit 12	Middle East and North Africa
	Unit 13	Africa- South of the Sahara
FOURTH 9 WEEKS	Unit 14	South Asia
	Unit 15	East Asia
	Unit 16	Australia and Oceania
	SEMESTER FINAL - You're finished!	

Major Assignments:

- **Notebook:** All of your notes must be kept in a spiral notebook in chronological order. All warm ups must be kept in the notebook and they must be dated. You cannot pass this class without a notebook! It is the only way I will grade your notes and it is the only way to study for tests.
- **Tests:** We will take a test at the end of most units. You will receive a review for most tests.

Expectations:

- 1) Get in your assigned seat and begin work when you enter the room.
- 2) Bring your materials with you everyday.
- 3) HFBO! Keep your hands, feet, book and objects to yourself.
- 4) No profanity, rude gestures, cruel teasing, or putdowns.
- 5) Follow directions.

Group Work:

- You will be working with a partner on most assignments.
- You may not pick your partner so don't ask.
- If you cannot handle the responsibility of working with a partner, you will work on your own.
- Groups will change throughout the year.

Turning in Work:

- I take 20 points off for work turned in one day late and 40 for two days late. I will not accept work after two days.
- Notes and warm ups must in your notebook and it must be left in class each day.
- All of your papers must have your name on them. I throw away unnamed papers.

Restroom:

- You are responsible for using the restroom on your own time. Don't ask unless it is an emergency, never ask while I am teaching, or within 10 minutes of a bell.