



World Geography

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Course Description:

World Geography is a course designed to develop a greater understanding of the people, places, and environment on local and international scales, from spatial and ecological perspectives.

Objective:

One of the main focuses of this course is to develop and refine skills of critical thinking, problem solving, and critical analysis through research, discussions and writing while asking and answer geographic questions.

This course highlights how events of the past and present are influenced by the physical processes that shape patterns in the physical environment, the political, economic, and social processes that shape cultural patterns of a region, how components of culture shape the characteristics of regions, and the impact of human modifications and technology on the physical environment.

Classroom rules and procedures:

Rule: RESPECT! Students can

Respect for adults. Whether it is an administrator, teacher, parent, or guest speaker, I expect my students to follow instructions with the utmost respect.

Respect for other students. Remember the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Respect for yourself. This means coming to class on time and ready to be actively engaged in your learning, whether through in class assignments, discussion, homework, or studying for exams.

Consequences:

1st Offense- Verbal Warning

2nd Offense- Detention AND Parent Phone Call

3rd Offense- Office Referral

Cell Phone Policy: In accordance with Desoto ISD policy, students are allowed to use technological devices in the classroom for educational purposes when authorized by the teacher. Students who choose not to use it for educational purposes or without permission will have their devices confiscated. In addition, students are PROHIBITED from charging ANY electronic device in the classroom. Failure to comply with this rule will result with chargers confiscated and turned into the office.

Food, Drinks, and Gum: Eating, drinking, and/or chewing gum is not allowed in the classroom.

Offenses that could earn a detention: Sleeping in class, eating, drinking, profanity, disrespecting an adult or another student, using an electronic device without permission, or plagiarism

Topics for this class:

1st semester

Fundamentals of Geography
Human Geography
U.S./Canada
Latin America
Europe

2nd semester

Russia and the Republics
North Africa/SW Asia
Sub-Saharan Africa
South Asia
East Asia/SE Asia
Australia/Oceania

An assignment calendar may be found on my Schoology. I strongly encourage students to check my Schoology for due dates and announcements. It is the responsibility of the student to keep up with their assignments and due dates.

Each unit will involve a combination of the following activities: overnight reading assignments, quizzes over reading, cooperative learning activities, essays including document based questions, map work, and vocabulary. Each unit will have an assessment, either a test or project, to ensure their mastery of the content and skills. Dates can also be found on the calendar on my Schoology. **STUDENTS SHOULD EXPECT HOMEWORK FREQUENTLY!**

***Progress reports will be sent home mid-quarter for students to take home and have their parent/guardian sign and return for a grade!**

Supplies:

Students will need:

- Two composition notebooks. It is the responsibility of the student to keep an organized notebook with all of their notes and assignments. Students who misplace assignments or are absent are expected to come after school to pick-up their work.
- *Why Geography Matters MORE THAN EVER* by Harm de Blij
- Pencil/Pen- Blue or Black Ink Only! **Any other color will not be graded!**

Grading Policy:

Major Grades=40%: tests, essays, projects

Minor Grades=60%: assignments, quizzes, homework

Late work: 1st day late=30 points off, 2nd day late= 40 points off

Reteach and retest: Students will have the opportunity to retest during tutorial hours, for a maximum grade of a 70%. It is the student's responsibility to come prepared as they will only have one opportunity to retest.

Cheating/Copying another student's assignment: NOT TOLERATED!! Students caught will receive an automatic zero!

Make-up work: It is the student's responsibility to pick up missed assignments. The student will have one day for each day absent to complete and turn in assignments.

Contact Information: Sean.Anderson@desotoisd.org

Parent or guardian, please fill in the following and return to teacher

Student's Name: _____ Period #: _____

I have read the World Geography Student/Parent letter and I am aware of the policies stated within.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Legal Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____