

Bracken County Middle School
6th Grade Social Studies
2008-09 Course Syllabus

Address: 167 Parsley Drive
Brooksville, Ky 41004
Phone: (606) 735-3425
Website: www.bracken.k12.ky.us

Instructor: Mr. Patrick Kelsch
Email: Patrick.Kelsch@bracken.kyschools.us

Description

Geography is the study of the earth and its land, water, and plant and animal life. An emphasis is heavily placed on how the five themes of geography can be used to interpret and evaluate the impact of human settlement and interaction of humans with their environment. The students will gain a better sense of appreciation for geography by studying specific people and places and learning the different cultures, vocabulary, and traditions for the specific people and places.

Comments

The main goal of this class is to learn about Geography and apply the major principles of Geography to their everyday lives. Students will do many different hands-on projects, including simulations that will give them the opportunity to be critical thinkers and problem solvers in role-playing situations. This class will also benefit the students during completion of state testing.

Course Standards

Students will

- Examine how human and physical geography influence past decisions and events.
- Examine patterns on Earth's surface, using geographic tools (maps, globes), to identify where things (people, places, landmarks) are, how they are arranged, and why they are in particular locations.
- Analyze the physical and human characteristics of places and regions.
- Use the Five Themes of Geography (place, location, region, movement, human-environment interaction) to organize information about various regions in the modern world.

- Interpret current events in the United States and the world from a geographic perspective.

Method of Grade Calculation

Students will be evaluated on class assignments and activities including, but not limited to, the following: class work, homework, notebook, projects, and tests.

Textbook

Boehm, R., Armstrong, D., & Hunkins, F. (2007). *Geography the world and its people*. New York: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.

Required Materials

Paper
 Pen/Pencil
 Notebook
 Text Book
 Markers/Crayons/Coloring Pencils

Classroom Rules and Procedures

- Be prepared for class when you arrive
- Stay in seat unless you have permission
- Sharpen pencils when needed without interruption
- Respect yourself and others
- Have name on all assignments
- Stay Positive at all times

Classroom Participation and Attendance

Students are expected to be on time and prepared for class with all necessary materials. Attendance is very important in being successful. Missing a day causes you to miss out on important information from classroom discussion. Try to be here everyday! Only students who have an excused absence will be given grades for make-up work.

Calendar of Course Content

First Semester

Basic Geography (map skills, 5 Themes, etc.)	4 weeks
North America	4 weeks
South, Central, and Latin America (simulation)	8 weeks
British Isles and Scandinavia	2 weeks

Second Semester

Europe (Northwestern, Southern, Eastern)	4 weeks
Russia and Independent Publics	4 weeks
Southwest Asia (Pacific Rim)	4 weeks
Africa	4 weeks
Australia, Antarctica, and Oceania	2 weeks

