

World Geography

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Planning periods: 1, 4, 5, & 6

Description:

World Geography is a one-year course required for all freshmen. We will start with an introduction to the social sciences (Units 1 – 4) and move into several world regions. The study of each world region will begin with a mapping lab, foundational history, followed by an investigation of selected current events that help answer the unit's focus question..

Units and focus questions for each semester:

Semester 1:

Unit 1: Maps - "How do we use maps to understand our world?"

Unit 2: Physical Systems - "What are the physical forces that influence the world?"

Unit 3: Culture - "How does culture define people?"

Unit 4: Governments / Economics - "How do political and economic forces control us?"

** Each regional study will include map identification and a physical geography overview.

Unit 5: East Asia - "What controls people?"

Unit 6: Latin America - "How do people's choices affect others?"

Unit 7: Europe - "What compels countries to cooperate?"

- European Union Simulation

** Final Exam **

2nd Semester

Unit 5: Sub-Saharan Africa

Focus Question: How do people break away from their past?

Unit 6: Middle East and North Africa

Focus Question: What causes conflict?

Unit 7: South and Central Asia

Focus Question: How can history and progress meet?

Unit 8: Human Rights

Focus Question: How do people suffer when their human rights are denied & how can rights improve?

- Human Rights Simulation

** Second Semester Final Exam **

Grading

89.5 + = A

79.5 + = B

69.5 + = C

59.5 + = D

Below 59.5 = F

Grading Policy (weighted)

Assessments: 70%

Assignments: 30%

Expectations

Required Materials

- Pen / Pencil / Highlighter
- Binder labeled World Geography
- Google Chrome Book --- **Not your phone**

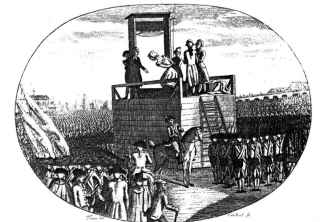


Classroom Expectations:

1. Be on time.
2. Come prepared to class with work completed and laptop charged.
3. Phones should be put away.
4. No hats or hoods - and please wear appropriate clothing.
5. Treat each other with respect.
6. ** Join in! Be friendly, say hi and interact! ** Each class, day, interaction is what you make of it, and how you view it. Be positive, enjoy the day & see the good going on around you :D

Attendance / Tardiness

Attending classes daily, and being on time, shows responsibility and works against students failing their classes. See your handbook for more information on specific tardy / attendance rules.



Plagiarism / Cheating

Students are expected to do their own work and not share their work with other students.

If you plagiarize, you automatically get a zero (along with the person who let you copy), and a phone call home. School policy on plagiarism will be followed with the Deans when necessary.

I look forward to a fun year with you - Welcome to WEGO!

