**World Geography**

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**Welcome to World Geography!** In this course, students will examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international levels from the spatial ecological perspective of geography. Students will participate in a variety of daily activity: Written, Verbal, Group Work, or a combination of all. All students are expected to actively participate and complete all assignments.

**Classroom Procedures**

* Arrive on time every day and immediately start your warm-up activity (posted on the board or overhead). You are also expected to copy down the objective and homework in your planner.
* You must be in the classroom by the bell or you will be considered tardy.
* When dealing with fire drills, we will exit through the front of the building. You are to stay with me at all times. This is for safety reasons as the school will stay in alert until all students are accounted for.
* Any behavior that causes a loss of learning time is unacceptable. Therefore, take care of all personal business (restroom, water, socializing) before class. No one is allowed to leave the room without a school pass unless you have school documentation that says otherwise.
* Homework and projects are to be turned in to the appropriate tray upon entering the classroom at the beginning of the period, unless otherwise specified. You may NOT work on homework assignments that were due that day during class.
* **Do your own work all the time!** Anyone caught cheating will receive a ‘0’ for that assignment and a call home. Subsequent cheating may result in write ups and detention.
* **AI Policy:** The use of artificial intelligence for assignments is considered a form of plagiarism and will be treated as such. If you are having trouble with an assignment or need an extension, please let me know and we can work out a solution. There is no excuse for AI use in this class.
	+ N.B. It is easier for me to tell when you have used AI for written work than you might think. If I suspect that you have, I will interview you about your writing process and ask for evidence such as timestamped documents, drafts, and outlines.
* Remain in your seat until you are dismissed.
* Use appropriate language at all times.

**Supplies needed for class:**

* Notebook or binder for notes
* Folder (for handouts)
* College ruled notebook paper
* Writing utensils – blue/black pens, red pens, and pencils
* Highlighters or markers (optional)
* Class period-specific supplies:
	+ 1st: Tissues
	+ 3rd: Hand Sanitizer
	+ 4th: Glue sticks
	+ 5th: Markers or highlighters
	+ 6th: Scissors
	+ 7th: Tissues

\*If you have difficulty obtaining any of these supplies, please see me, and I will help you.

**Grading Policy**

* Major assignments – 50% (tests, projects, etc.)
* Minor assignments – 50% (quizzes, in-class assignments, homework)

**Late Work Policy**

* If you realize that you will be unable to submit an assignment before the due date, I may be able to offer you an extension. Communication is key. However, any extension request must be given at least one day in advance. Please don’t email me at 11:59 asking for an extension.
* If you have late work, submit it to the designated late work tray at the front of the room.
* I will take off points depending on how many days late the assignment is:
	+ 1 day: 10 pts (max: 90)
	+ 2 days: 30 pts (max: 70)
	+ 3 days: 50 pts (max: 50)
* After 3 days, I will no longer be able to accept the assignment.

**Communication Policy**

* Students: If you need to contact me, please use my email address or message me on Schoology. You can also talk to me during lunch or after school.
* Parents: If you would like to meet with me, please schedule an appointment beforehand. I am available during 2nd period (8:25-9:15) or after school, but you must contact me via email or phone beforehand so that I can ensure there are no schedule conflicts.