

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography

- \* Five Themes of geography
- \* Map skills
- \* Develop understanding of social, political & economic issues
- \* Current events
- \* Culture

## CONTENT OUTCOMES

- A. Geography themes & terms, map reading, longitude and latitude. (2 weeks)
- B. United States of America (2 weeks)
- C. Australia (3 weeks)
- D. Japan (2 weeks)
- E. China (5-6 weeks)
- F. India (3 weeks)
- G. Middle East (5 weeks)
- H. Africa (6 weeks)
- I. South America (5 weeks)
- J. Mexico (3 weeks)
- K. Antarctica (1-2 weeks)
- L. CNN Student News podcast/Current Events (year round)

## COURSE PROJECTS

SkyJack: Middle East terrorist/hijacking simulation  
Country posters  
Geography terms flash cards  
Boomerang  
Indian elephants  
Chinese name painting  
Chinese food day  
Mexico day of dead  
Tangrams

## GRADING POLICY

Tests  
Daily Work  
Homework  
Quizzes

Final Exam  
Current Events  
Participation

\*\*Grades are based upon a total point system

90-100% = A's

80-89% = B's

70-79% = C's

60-69% = D's

59% and less = U's

## EACH UNIT WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING:

~Government

~Economics

~Physical Features and Climate

~History

~Physical and Political Maps

~Culture- (customs, traditions, food, art, education, music, religion, general attitudes, greetings & gestures, visiting, family, marriage, recreation, holidays, language, commerce, transportation, communication and health)