

## Honors World Geography Syllabus 2018 - 2019

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### **Objective of the Class:**

- To analyze and apply the five major themes of Geography to regions and countries around the world.
- To create citizens aware of the world outside of their bubble.

### **Overview of Class:**

The students will be studying the following topics within the class:

1. Intro to geography
2. North America
3. Latin America
4. Europe
5. Middle East
6. Africa
7. Asia
8. Australia and Oceania

Within each topic the students will examine the political, economic and social structure of various countries within these regions. The focus will also be on current events and history of the regions as well.

### **Textbook:**

- *McDougal Littell World Geography*
- *Geography Alive*

### **Additional Reading Text:**

*"Where am I Wearing?"* by Kelsey Timmerman

- You do need to purchase the book *"Where am I Wearing?"* by Kelsey Timmerman. We will be referring to this book throughout the semester. Your 1<sup>st</sup> assignment from the book will not be given until after the semester has begun, so you have a little bit of time to purchase the book and read it if you have not already done so.

### **Grading:**

Students will be evaluated through formative and summative assessments throughout the semester. Informal assignments will be given without grade credit to determine the student's level of mastery.

**Summative Assessments= 71%** (Ex: extended projects, teacher-made tests, writing assignments, portfolios, technology projects, interactive notebooks, essential questions & answers, exam, book review, etc.)

**Formative Assessments= 29%** (Ex: class activities, graphic organizers, assignments, class performance tasks, written work, time line, etc.)

**Course Final Average 100%**

Course Final Average is still only 80% of the final overall grade, the Final Exam still counts 20%.

\*You will be required to regularly bring in current events in this class, so be prepared to keep up with the news. We will draw for current events presentation dates today and we will begin presenting them next Monday. I will give you guidelines on what is required in class tomorrow.

\*The main difference between honors and regular World Geography is the amount of reading and writing. You should expect writing assignments as well as assigned readings on a regular basis.

**Tutoring:**

Tutoring will be available Tuesday & Thursday afternoons after school. Please check with me ahead of time to make sure that I don't have a meeting.

**Supplies:**

Pen, Paper, Pencil, Binder with dividers (big enough for notes etc.), colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, pack of construction paper (you may partner up for the art supplies)

I look forward to a successful year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you,

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