

# **PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE**

### **GLOBAL STUDIES HONORS GRADE 9**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The course will provide students with the content and the skills necessary for exploring other cultures and will serve as an analysis of the interdependent nature of our Twenty-First Century global community. Students will investigate the past and present geographic, political, social, religious, and economic aspects of the non-western world. The course is devoted to inquiry based on global connections and factors that have shaped our present world. Emphasis is placed on synthesizing information to recognize historical and present patterns while valuing what makes each nation or region unique and significant.

#### **STUDY SKILLS:**

Social studies skills such as analyzing documents, categorizing information, evaluating evidence, and making inferences will be introduced and practiced. The course will serve as a foundation for further social studies courses and will focus on developing critical thinking, writing, and communication skills. Students will be independently take notes on foundational information, and adequately prepare for assessments through the development of study skills.

For each of the sections that follow, students may be required to analyze, recall, explain, interpret, apply, or evaluate the particular concepts being taught.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION TO CULTURE**

- Explain culture, the elements of culture, and how to study culture
- Examine basic geographic, historic, political and economic patterns and themes
- Develop skills and strategies to understand and address current global issues

#### **2. AFRICA**

The Geography, History and Heritage of Africa

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of the African continent from the earliest civilizations through World War II

Modern Africa

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern sub-Saharan African nations
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern African nations
- Compare and contrast developments in African nations to other regions of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern African nations

#### **3. THE MIDDLE EAST (NORTH AFRICA & SOUTHWEST ASIA)**

The Geography, History and Heritage of the Middle East and North Africa

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of the Middle East from the earliest civilizations through World War II

The Modern Middle East and North Africa

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of the nations of the modern Middle East

- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing the modern nations of the Middle East
- Compare and contrast developments in the Middle East to other regions of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern nations in the Middle East

#### **4. SOUTH ASIA**

The Geography, History and Heritage of South Asia

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of the South Asia from the earliest civilizations through World War II

Modern South Asia

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern South Asian nations
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern nations in South Asia
- Compare and contrast developments in South Asia to other regions of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern South Asian nations

#### **5. EAST ASIA**

The Geography, History and Heritage of China

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of China from its earliest civilization through World War II

Modern China

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern China
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern China
- Compare and contrast developments in China to other nations of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern China

The Geography, History and Heritage of Japan

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of Japan from its earliest civilization through World War II

Modern Japan

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern Japan
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern Japan
- Compare and contrast developments in Japan to other nations of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern Japan

Korea

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of Korea from its earliest civilization through World War II
- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern North Korea and South Korea
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing North Korea and South Korea
- Compare and contrast developments in North Korea and South Korea to other nations of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern North Korea and South Korea

#### **STUDENT TEXTBOOK**

*Geography: The Human and Physical World, McGraw Hill, 2015©*