

Welcome to World Geography and Cultures!

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Course Textbook: Glencoe: World Geography and Cultures, 2011

World Geography:

The focus of this course is the study of the world's peoples, places, and environments, with an emphasis on world regions. The knowledge, skills, and perspectives of the course are centered on the world's people and their cultural characteristics, landforms and climates, economic development, and migration and settlement patterns. Spatial concepts of geography will be used as a framework for studying interactions between humans and their environments. Using geographic questions. Particular emphasis will be placed on students' understanding and applying geographic concepts and skills to their daily lives.

Materials:

- Writing Utensil (Pen or Pencil)
- Spiral Notebook
- 3 ring binder to keep handouts

Note-Taking:

It is your responsibility to not only take notes during class, but to study and gather any missed notes in advance before the test.

Assignments and Projects:

It is your responsibility to ask for and turn in make-up work. I will not come to you but I will provide you with any missed work if asked. Some assignments and projects will be group based, I expect all students to work together in groups and all students to participate and contribute to the group.

Homework:

Homework is to be turned in at the beginning of class on which it is due. **No late homework will be accepted.**

Grading: In accordance with the school policy.

A 100-90 B 89-80 C 79-70 D 69-60 F 59-0

- Students may receive an "I" for incomplete work due to absence.

○ Numbers of Days Absent	Number of Days to Make up Work
▪ 1-3	-2
▪ 4-6	-4

Type	Weight
Summative (Tests)	40%
Quizzes/Projects	30%
Classwork	20%
Homework/Formative	10%

Discipline Procedures:

1st Offense: Conference with student

2nd Offense: Conference with student and contact parent/guardian

3rd Offense: Referral to the office and administration involvement

***Please note that if there is a serious offense in the classroom (ex. Fighting) an administrator will be contacted immediately.**

Class Rules/Expectations:

1. Students are to show respect at all times. Not only to myself but to other students, faculty, staff, administrators and themselves.
2. No sleeping in class
3. Raise hand and do not speak unless called upon
4. NO CELL PHONES
5. No food or drink
6. Ask permission to leave
7. Be in your seat and ready to learn when the bell rings.
8. Put effort into everything you do. I am willing to help you as long as I see that you are trying. I will not hold your hand in this class but as long as I can tell you are putting forth the effort I will assist you.
9. Students are expected to come into class every day with a willingness to learn the material.
10. We will often hold discussions and debates on the material, I expect that any views or ideas are presented in a respectable way and any one with opposing viewpoints to always be respectful.
11. Have fun and enjoy the class!

* The students are to adhere to the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct at all times.