

World Geography Course Description

9th Grade

Description:

World Geography is a one semester course required for graduation. The study of geography will cover the earth's natural features, climates, and how they vary. During this semester, we will learn how to read maps and charts, locate countries, explore cultures, and identify economic products that are important to our survival. These goals will be accomplished by using the five themes of geography.

Learning Management Systems: Google Classroom

Textbook: *Global Geography* (book and online)

Materials:

You should bring your Mac (charged), headphones (ear buds), notebook, and pencil or pen everyday to class. I will let you know if additional materials are needed for class. You may want to have a folder.

Classroom Procedures: (You should...)

- *Be in the classroom before the bell rings to start class.
- *Leave cell phones in the appropriate cell phone pocket for your assigned seat.
- *At the start of each week record the weekly plans in your planner.
- *Each day check the scheduled daily activity on Google Classroom.
- *Follow school policy as explained in class and outlined in the student handbook.

Grading: Your grade will be focused on how well you master the South Dakota Geography Content Standards. All classroom activities and assignments (C.A.); special projects (S.P.), and unit tests (U.T.) will relate back to your understanding of one or more of these standards. Your quarter grade is based on a percentage that is determined by the number of points you have earned for the class divided by the number of points that was possible. We will use the high school (unrounded) grading scale. Your semester grade will be determined as follows: 3rd Quarter (40%); 4th Quarter (40%); Semester Assessments (20%). You may access your in progress grade through Infinite Campus.

Course Units:

Unit 1: The Basics of Geography

Unit 2: The United States and Canada

Unit 3: Latin America

Unit 4: Europe

Unit 5: Russia and Republics

Unit 6: Africa

Units 7 - 10: Asia, Oceania & Antarctica