



SA3

World Geography Honors

Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

In World Geography Studies, students examine people, places, and environments. A significant portion of the course centers around the physical processes; the characteristics of major landforms, climates, and ecosystems and their interrelationships; the political, economic, and social processes that shape cultural patterns of regions; types and patterns of settlement; the distribution and movement of the world population; relationships among people, places, and environments; and the concept of region.

Course Agenda/Outline:

Week 1: 5 Themes of Geography

Week 2: A Living Planet

Week 3: Climate and Vegetation

Week 4: Human Geography

Week 5: United States and Canada

Week 6: Latin America

Week 7: Europe

Week 8: Russia and the Republics

Week 9: Africa

Week 10: Africa

Week 11: Southwest Asia

Week 12: South Asia

Week 13: South Asia

Week 14: East Asia

Week 15: Exam week

Week 16: Southeast Asia, Oceania and Antarctica

Week 17: Final Review

Week 18: Exams

Course Supplies:

Pencils

Pens

BYOD

Classroom Rules:

Arrive to class on time

Be prepared to class with all your supplies and assignments.

Respect others

Classroom Procedures:

- Class resources can be accessed off the course's google classroom site
- Assignments will be turned in online through google classroom

Contact Information:

Tutorials, conferences, and office hours are available after school or by appointment. Prior arrangements or appointments are preferred.

Direct Extension: (956) 580-5300 ext. 1392

Chapter & Bi-Weekly Assignments:

- *Regional Atlas & Guided Reading Activities* – Students will be assigned a Regional Atlas Map and Guided Reading Activity related to the atlas from their workbook on a bi-weekly basis. The activity will be assigned on a Monday and be due two weeks from that date.
- *Interactive Notebook* – Students will need to keep a updated google site they will create the first week in the course. For each chapter we complete, the student will sketch a collage of drawings, word cloud, or concept map related to the topics in that chapter.

Course Grading Policy:

The grading scale for the course is as follows:

Class Assignment Grade Weighs	
Daily Assignments: Handouts, Vocabulary, Study Island, Activities, Homework, Etc.	40 %
Tests, Essays, Projects, Binder Checks	60 %
Course Total:	100 %

The following district policies apply to retesting and redoing an assignment:

- *“All students will be given up to three additional school days to redo a **FAILING MAJOR ASSIGNMENT**, but the grade will be no higher than a 70. The teacher has the option of assigning an alternative major assignment and may require additional tutoring, assignments, etc., as appropriate. The teacher will indicate in the gradebook that the assignment was redone. **This provision does NOT apply to Honors, Dual Enrollment (taught by Sharyland ISD teachers), or AP students.**”*
- *“All students will be given three additional days (**two days for Honors, AP, and DE** taught by SISD teachers) to make up **LATE MAJOR ASSIGNMENT** and may be required additional tutoring, assignments, etc., as appropriate (with a progressive grade penalty of 10 points per day, 15 points per day for Pre-AP/AP/Dual Enrollment, taught by Sharyland ISD teachers). **Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment (taught by Sharyland ISD teachers) students will NOT be allowed to submit late minor work.**”*

Attendance/Make-Up Work:

Daily class attendance is vital to ensuring class success. The following district guidelines apply for make-up work when a student is absent:

- *“Students with an **EXCUSED ABSENCE** from school (including off-campus suspension) will have the opportunity to make up missed work at the rate of one day for one day missed, with a maximum of five days. Student will receive a zero for any major or minor assignment not made up within the allotted time.”*
- *“Students with an **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE** may not make up missed work; however, if the unexcused absence is determined to be caused by an extenuating circumstance, makeup work may be allowed. The grade for the makeup work will be no higher than a 70.”*

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of our school. **“No student shall cheat or copy the work of another. Plagiarism, the use of another person’s original ideas or writings as one’s own without giving credit to the true author, will be considered cheating, and the student will be subject to academic discipline that may include loss of credit for the work in question.”**