Course Syllabus: World Geography

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
World Geography deals with the earth and how people interact with their environment. The course offers an understanding of the way people live in particular places and why they live as they do. Exploration of the physical and cultural features of the earth, changing earth's resources, people and the land, political boundaries, economic growth and technological change will also be studies. The concepts will be explored within regions. Current events will be strongly emphasized.

LEARNING GOALS:
1. students will use maps, globes, atlases, and grid-refaced technologies.
2. Students will acquire a framework for thinking geographically.
3. Students will acquire a framework for thinking about earth's physical systems: Earth/Sun relationships, climate / ecosystems, and landforms.
4. Students will identify and analyze the human activities that shape earth's surface.
5. Students will analyze ways in which humans affect and are affected by their physical environment.
6. Students will understand the influence of physical and human geographic factors on the evolution of significant historic events and movements.

Materials Needed (REQUIRED!)
- #2 Pencil
- Pens-Black or Blue only
- Journal
- Computer (that the school assigned you)

Attendance:
Attendance is very important to the educational process. Attendance will be taken on a daily basis. You are absent if you: miss the entire class period or are tardy for more than 10 minutes.

Grading Policy:

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Grading Policy in Detail
- **Tests**: As students, you will be tested, tried and proven based on what we learn in class. Test will be multiple choice, short answer, and formative assessments. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**
- **Essays**: You are expected to write page reports based on the subject at hand. (The writing rules are below)
- **Project**: There is an important project that will be worked on at the beginning of the semester. You are required to complete the country portfolio project and it will be due by the end of the school year.
- **Quizzes**: I personally do not, I repeat, DO NOT give homework. However, I will quiz you on a daily basis first thing as you walk in class. It will be based on what you have learned in the previous class period. In short, the quizzes should be easy if you pay attention.
- **Daily Work**: During class there will be handouts, maps, and other various forms of daily activity that are required to be done during class. This also includes participation.
- **Crucible Challenges**: FINALLY! As a soccer coach and an ex-professional academy player, I am an extremely competitive person. There will be times where you will compete with your own classmates during the period in various games and activities.

**WRITING RULES: We will be writing quite often in this class (more if you are Pre-AP).**

1. Top right of the page put your:
   a. Name
   b. Teacher
   c. Class with period
   d. Date (the due date)
2. Paragraphs are a minimum of 5 sentences long
3. Indent- The start of the first paragraph
4. Spelling, punctuation, grammar
5. Times New Roman, 12pt font, Double spaced

**Late Assignments:**

- **Minor Assignments**
  - Minor Grades can be turned in up to 3 school days
    - 1 day late= 15 points off
    - 2 days late= 30 points off
    - 3 days late= 50 points off
    - 4 days or more= Not to be accepted final grade will be a **ZERO**
- **Major Assignments**:
  - Major Grades are to be submitted during the due date **PERIOD**.
  - I will not accept late work for major grades in the following: Project or Exams. (Unless due to absence and with an excused note).
  - For Essays: They can be turned in up too three days late with the following penaties.
    - 1 day late= 15 points off
    - 2 days late= 30 points off
    - 3 days late= 50 points off
    - 4 days or more= Not to be accepted final grade will be a **ZERO**
**Make-up Tests:**
You are required to take the test you miss the NEXT DAY you return. Arrangements must be made in advance to make up the test before or after school as tests will not be administered during class time.

**Extra Credit:**
Sorry Kiddos I do not distribute or believe in extra credit. **DO NOT ASK FOR EXTRA CREDIT**
(Unless you want a Pop-Test)

**Classroom Expectations:**
You guys are no longer little kids, you are entering a stage in life where you entering the crossroads of adulthood. I will treat the students like adults, as well as, uphold them to a high standard of discipline.

1. **Tardiness**- Come to class on time. If you are more than 10 minutes late you are absent.
2. Bring required materials to class everyday! Laptop must be fully charged and ready to go.
3. **No Food, Candy or Drinks.** Water is the only thing that is permitted
4. **RESPECT** yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and your classroom.
5. **NO CELL PHONES OR HEADPHONES SHOULD BE PRESENT** (unless I say otherwise)
6. Write legibly. If it looks like a doctor did it, I will not grade it
7. **All Houston ISD and Westside policies and procedures will be followed, including wearing a Westside ID at all times and enforcing Westside dress code.**
8. **Finally, discipline issues will be handled immediately.** All the rules will be strictly followed. Appropriate action will be administered if discipline becomes an issue.

**Classroom Competition**
Being the competitive person that I am, I will always provide a suitable amount of pressure on the students to do well. At the start of the semester all the Pre-AP and Prep classes will compete against each other for a chance to win a multitude of rewards. Every six weeks, I will provide a pizza party for only two classes: 1 Pre-Ap and 1 Prep. How you win is based on the combined class average of your period. May the best class win!

**Let me know if you have any Allergies: ____________________________**

**Tutoring:**
Unfortunately, due to my incredibly busy schedule I am only available during lunch for tutorials. If you need help with anything feel free to email me and I will try my best to respond in a timely manner.
Return by Friday 09/03/18- This will be submitted for a grade

I have read, understand, and agree with the classroom rules and expectations.

Student Name: ________________________________
Student Signature: ______________________________

Parent / Guardian Name: _________________________
Parent / Guardian Signature: _____________________
Home Phone Numbers: ____________________________
Work:_________________________________________
Cell:__________________________________________
Email:_________________________________________