



7th Grade Geography - Class Expectations

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Geography is defined as ***the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and of human activity, including the distribution of populations and resources, land use, and industries.*** By the end of this course, you will be thinking more globally and have a better understanding of the many regions and cultures of the world!

During the 2015-2016 school year, we will cover the following units of study:

1. The 5 Themes of Geography
2. Sub-Saharan Africa
3. Northern Africa and the Middle East
4. Asia
5. Latin America
6. Europe

Grading

Grading in this course will be based on a weighted percentages system. The grading value breakdown is as follows:

- ***Interim Assessments (Quizzes, Blog Entries, Class Work, Short Projects) - 35%***
- ***Summative Assessments (Tests, Long-Term Projects, Essays, Speeches) - 65%***

Notice of assignments/assessments will be given well in advance. Rubrics will be attached to all essays and projects.

Homework

In this course, homework will primarily consist of blog entries, reading, watching videos, and studying. Be sure to complete homework assignments **on time** so you can get the most out of class the next day!

Tardiness and Absences

With regards to tardiness and absences, school-wide Wamogo rules and consequences apply. If you have an excused absence, you have that number of days to make up the assignment or take the owed test or quiz. If you have an unexcused absence, your work will automatically be considered late.

Supplies

Essential supplies for this class include a notebook/binder with loose-leaf paper, a pen or pencil, and a folder. You will also be using your electronic device with Internet access (laptop, iPad, etc.) regularly. I will be making an effort to use as little paper as possible to make this a "green" class!

Class Rules

In our class, all school-wide Wamogo rules apply. It is a place of respect and every student should feel safe and welcome. Anyone who disrupts this environment will be subject to appropriate consequences.

Our class will be more than a period of time in our day. It will be a period of interaction, discovery and, above all, fun with the presented material and members of the class. At any point, if you need to communicate with me out of class, please feel free to address me before class, after class or stop me in the hall. If your parent/guardian needs to contact me, I can be reached by phone at [\(860\) 567-7410, extension 153](tel:(860)567-7410) or by email at zwashbond@rsd6.org. Let's have a great year together!