

Wallace Jr/Sr High School

World Geography

Course Syllabus

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Course Description

The study of Geography encompasses not only geographical events but historical and cultural aspects of societies as well. In this course, we will study not only the effects that geography has on the inhabitants of the world, but the effects that the inhabitants have had on the earth as well. You will be introduced to people and events that have helped to form the world around us. To do this we will need to use many tools to critically analyze these events and their outcomes.

Course Goals

Following this course, students will be able to:

1. Work cooperatively in partner/small group settings in order to help themselves and those around them to understand the importance of world geography.
2. Possess a global perspective and an understanding of cultural diversity.
3. Recognize the significance of time and space when dealing with geographical aspects.
4. Understand and recognize the relationship between geography and world cultures.

Classroom Procedures

Tardies: Don't be late. You are tardy when you are not in your seat when the bell rings. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each period and you will be marked tardy if you walk in late. When walking in after the bell rings you will need to sign the tardy sheet at the entry of the classroom. The time that you missed will need to be made up at a later time. If you have an excuse for your tardy along with a note, talk to me towards the end of class.

Late/Make-up work: Assignments will be accepted up to 9 school days after the due date, each day will result in a 10% penalty, if you are at risk of failing due to missed work detentions will be assigned until your grade is brought up. If you have been absent and it is excused, it is your responsibility to check the appropriate file at the entry of class to receive any missed work. When making work up for an absence, talk with me about your adjusted time to hand work in. Any test or quiz will need to be made up on your own time.

Additional Procedures/ Rules:

No food or drink in the classroom (other than water) without special permission.

You must have a hall pass and ask permission before leaving class for any reason.

Come to class with your notebook, paper, pencil/pen, and any other materials required that day.

Be respectful of everyone in the classroom and all school property.

Follow all rules and guidelines in the Wallace Jr. Sr. High School student handbook.

Grading Rules and Procedures

The following percentages will be used to determine grades on tests, quizzes, assignments, and overall grades:

97 - 100% = A+	93 - 96% = A	90 - 92% = A-	87% - 89% = B+	83% - 86% = B
80% - 82% = B-	77% - 79% = C+	73% - 76% = C	70% - 72% = C	67% - 69% = D+
63% - 66% = D	60% - 62% = D-	59% and below = F		

Grades will be based on performance in the following areas:

Unit Tests, Quizzes, and Projects are worth 10 points each

In Class Assignments are worth 2 points

Homework Assignments are worth 5 points

We will have a semester exam which will be worth 20% of the semester grade

Extra Credit – For whatever reason needed, extra credit will be offered each semester. EC will only be given to those students who absolutely need it and have all other assignments handed in. Before starting any extra projects it must be cleared with me to ensure the appropriateness of the project and topic. Ideas for extra credit may include: research papers, book reports/summaries, map projects, posters, TV documentary summaries, etc.

World Geography Course Schedule – Not set in stone

1. Review of basic geography principles
2. Europe
3. Russia and Northern Eurasia
4. Southwest Asia
5. Africa
6. South Asia
7. East and Southeast Asia
8. The Pacific World

I _____ (student name) acknowledge and accept all classroom rules/procedures. I understand that it is my responsibility to adhere to these guidelines and failure to do so will result in appropriate consequences.

Student Signature _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____