2016-2017 Syllabus

9th Grade World Geography and Cultures

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Course Description:

Throughout history Civilizations have prospered and fallen due to a multitude of reasons. Geography and the resources around them have been influential in their rise and fall. In this study of World Geography, students utilize physical and cultural perspectives to examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international levels. Students describe the influence of geography on the events of the past and the present. Students will be focusing on the “Five Themes of Geography” (Movement, Region, Human Environment Interaction, Location and Place)

Honor Code:

The Honor Code will be strictly enforced in this class. Students who plagiarize or cheat on assignments (including essays), quizzes or exams will receive NO CREDIT for that particular assignment, quiz or exam. Offending students will also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with ELA guidelines.

Electronic Devices:

See ELA Handbook

Course Outline

1. Term 1

1. Unit 1: 5 Themes of Geography
   1. Movement
   2. Region
   3. Human Environment Interaction
   4. Location
   5. Place
   6. Mapping
      1. Differences in Maps
      2. How to Map
2. Unit 2: Places and Regions
   1. Creation of Regions
   2. Human and Physical characteristics of regions
   3. Culture and the effect on Regions
   4. Africa
      1. South, Middle and North Africa
      2. Economy
      3. History
      4. Land and Vegetation
3. Unit 3: Physical Processes of the earths surface.
   1. Physical processes that shape the earth
   2. Characteristics and locations of ecosystems
   3. Unit 5: Physical Geography of the United States and Canada
      1. The Land
      2. Climate and Vegetation
      3. Economy
      4. History

2. Term 2:

1. Unit 4: Human Activities and the earths surface
   1. World Population
   2. Religions and Cultures
   3. Political and Economic Systems
   4. Unit 6: Central and Latin America
      1. The Land
      2. Climate and Vegetation
      3. The Economy
      4. History

3. Term 3:

1. Unit 5: Physical and Human Systems
   1. How humans change the environment.
   2. Importance of natural and human resources
   3. Europe
      1. Physical Features
      2. The Land
      3. Climate and Vegetation
      4. The Economy
      5. The History
2. Unit 6: Connecting Today’s World
   1. Application of geographic concepts to intperpret the past.
   2. Application of geographic conetps to interpret the past and plan for the future.
   3. Unit 8: Middle East
      1. Physical Features
      2. The Land
      3. Climate and Vegetation
      4. The Economy
      5. The history

4. Term 4:

1. Unit 7: Asia w/ Russia
   1. South Asia, Southeast Asia and East Asia
   2. Population and Culture
   3. The Economy
   4. History and Government
   5. Climate and Vegetation
   6. The Land
2. Unit 8: Australia, Oceania and Antarctica
   1. The Land
   2. Climate and Vegetation
   3. The Economy
   4. People and their environment
   5. History