

7th Grade Social Studies — Geography



Mr. Fairchild

Class Overview

World Geography focuses on the study of the world's people, places, and environments highlighting Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa, the Middle East, and Oceania. The course begins with an introduction to geography focusing on the Five Themes of Geography (Place, Region, Location, Movement, and Human/Environmental Interaction) and basic geographic skills.

An overview of the United States and Canada is used as a basis of comparison for the study of the world. Students explore the political, physical, cultural, historical, and economic geography of each region or continent. Using texts, maps, globes, graphs, pictures, stories, diagrams, charts, and a variety of geographic skills, students consider the relationships between people and places while asking and answering geographic questions.

Emphasis is placed on the student's examination of his or her place in the world and his/her role as a global citizen.

Expectations

1. Ready to learn — Prepared with proper learning tools daily
 - a. iPad
 - b. Pen/Pencil
 - c. Notebook/folder
2. Respect for all involved in class
 - a. Respect the speaker
 - b. Respect and care of property
 - c. Maintain a safe classroom environment
3. Be Creative— Project and Student Based Assignments- Make them yours.
4. Give Honest Effort

Grading:

1. Competencies (assignments) — 40% of total grade.
2. Assessments— 60% of total grade.

Classroom Management

We are subject to the Orrick Student Handbook and discipline plan and expectations in the class.

1. First offense Verbal Warning
2. Second offense — Move to Safe Seat with a PAGE
3. Third offense —Buddy Room with a Detention
4. Fourth offense —Office referral

Units Covered in Class

Geography skills review

Canada & the United States

Latin America

Europe & Russia

Africa

Southwest and Central Asia

Southeast Asia

Oceania and Antarctica

Academic Honesty

I require and expect absolute academic honesty from my students. Any student suspected or caught cheating/plagiarizing in the class will be called in for an immediate Parent/Guardian Conference with an administrator and me. If academic dishonesty is proven, the student will receive a zero on the assignment and be given a detention at the very least.