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**Course Objective:**

In both Pre-AP and Regular/Inclusion World Geography, students will be expected to engage in rigorous exploration of the world’s regions and the themes that interconnect them in order to become culturally literate world citizens. The skills focused on throughout the course include mapping, effective communication through writing and discussion, as well as the interpretation and analysis of various world issues (i.e. culture, political systems and interaction, human movement, environment). These higher level thinking skills will prepare students for their continued social studies careers as well as futures as productive and knowledgeable members of society.

**Grading Policy:**

Nine Week Grades will be computed as follows:

* Daily Work/Quizzes – 60%
* Major Assessments – 40% - major projects, tests, etc.

\*\*Mandatory Semester Final Exams will constitute 10% of the semester grade.

 **Course Overview:**

Unit One: Physical Geography

* Topics covered: landforms, five themes of geography, climate regions, seasons, biomes, vegetation, map types and elements, tools of geography

Unit Two: Freedom Week

* Topics covered: U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence

Unit Three: Human Geography

* Topics covered: population, Malthus Theory, level of development, birth rate, death rate, rate of natural increase, life expectancy, demographic transition, population pyramid, colonization, push/pull factors, refugee, migration barriers, persecution

Unit Four: United States & Canada

* Topics covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Five: Latin America

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Six: Europe

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Seven: Russia and the Republics

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Eight: North Africa & Southwest Asia

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Nine: Sub-Saharan Africa

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Ten: South Asia

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Eleven: East Asia

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Twelve: Southeast Asia

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Thirteen: Australia and Oceania

* Topics Covered: physical and political geography, population density, climate regions, natural resources, culture, social, political and economic geography

Unit Fourteen: Current Events

* Topics Covered: current social, political and economic issues

***Teacher Information:***

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 **Supplies needed for World Geography:**

3-Subject Spiral Notebook

Divider tabs

Map/colored pencils

Pens

Pencils

Highlighters