

Lexington High School

Room 813 7:45-3:45 Monday-Friday

Geography

Mr. Galvan

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Course Objectives:

- 1) Students will understand the five themes of geography and how they relate to life on Earth.
- 2) Students will acquire map skills and be able to locate places using different techniques.
- 3) Students will understand the environmental, cultural, and economic differences of various regions of the Earth.
- 4) Students will be aware of the major types of governments and religions of the major societies of the world.
- 5) Students will further their knowledge of the impact that Globalization has on Human Geography

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the study of the world through a Geographic perspective. The course will study the impact and major themes of geography, the acquisition of map skills, the understanding of the environmental, cultural, and economic differences of various regions around the earth, the major types of governments of major societies around the world, and develop further knowledge of the impact that Globalization has on our world today.

Expectations:

- Be responsible, respectful, and accountable for your actions.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills.
- Come to class ready to work.
- Work together cooperatively with your partner.
- Participate in class every day.

Classroom Rules:

- Be neat and respectful within the classroom
- Do not move desks randomly (and if you do, please return them to their original position).
- No food
- Use appropriate language and keep your hands to yourselves
- Be on time!
- 0% phone and headphone/earbuds tolerance
- Don't be tardy to class!

Communication: I am happy to assist students with questions outside of the classroom, and I encourage every student to self-advocate if they need clarification. The best way to contact me is through my email address at any time of the day.

Class material:

- Notebook
- iPad
- Pencil

Grading Policies:

Summative assessment: 70% (tests, quizzes, projects, and papers)

Formative assessment: 30% (homework, classwork/notes)

Each quarter makes up 45% of the semester grade. In addition, a final exam will be given that will make up 10% of the overall grade.

Late and Absent Work: In the case of an excused absence, absent work will be accepted for full credit on a date that is dependent on the extent of the absence. Late work due to unexcused absences, tardiness, or general forgetfulness will be worth a maximum of 60% on formative assessments, and 10% per day on Summative Assignments. If this goes below 70% it's a 0 in the gradebook.

- Remember to make up missing work if you were gone! Incomplete assignments are unacceptable.

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO MAKE UP FOR MISSING WORK.

Cheating/Plagiarism- If cheating/plagiarizing, suspected cheating, or attempted cheating takes place, you will receive an automatic zero on the assignment and appropriate disciplinary action.

I have reviewed the syllabus with my son or daughter and acknowledge that we understand the classroom expectations and policies for this course. Please return it signed.

Student – sign

Parent – sign

Date

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