



Winthrop Middle School
7th Grade Social Studies Syllabus
World Geography and World Cultures
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Welcome to 7th Grade Social Studies! This year we will be focusing on the political geography, physical geography, human geography, history, and cultures of countries all over the world. My expectations are high for everyone in class, but don't let that intimidate you. All I ask is that you bring a positive attitude to class and are willing to work hard and always do your best and you will do great.

Overview and Objectives:

This year's social studies course will have students learning the geography of the world going continent by continent and often country by country. Along with the political, physical, and human geography of these countries, students will be learning about world history, cultures, governments, and economies. Students will study and learn to interpret geographical data, including but not limited to, topographical, landform, political, population, and climate maps.

Class Rules:

Following the class and Falcon Team rules is the easiest way to succeed in this class. Follow these simple rules and you can expect a very successful school year. *(These rules go hand-in-hand with the rules found in your student handbook. Be sure to read the handbook to better understand the school rules.)*

- **Respect**
 - Respect your teacher, yourselves, your classmates, the building, and the subject matter
- **Work Hard**
 - "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work as hard"
- **Have Fun**
 - Get involved, ask questions, stay positive!

Materials:

Bring these materials to class each day unless otherwise instructed

- Notebook or binder with filler paper for notes, in class assignments, and homework
- Geography Journal (small single subject) for in class assignments
- Folder or binder to hold papers and other documents from class
- Pen and/or pencil
- Colored pencils

Grading:

Classwork, participation, and effort: 25%

Homework: 25%

Quizzes: 25%

Tests and Projects: 25%

Communication:

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