

# 7th Grade Geography

## 2021-2022 Syllabus

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**Course Description:** The curriculum this year will cover world history within all the continents and the geography of them all. We will learn how to read maps, study geographical vocabulary, how to think like a geographer, and explore all seven continents.

**Required Materials:** Black or dark blue pens, a pencil, colored pencils, a highlighter, a 11x18 notebook, a folder for assignments, and you will receive an agenda to keep track of assignments.

### **Goals and Objectives:**

- Students will make connections between the course content and their everyday lives.
- Students will learn how to read maps and think like a geographer.
- Students will be able to relate certain historical events to the country and continent it happened in.
- Students will study the world history of the places we learn about.

### **Expectations:**

Students will come in each day to class with your work completed or done some of it and have questions for me to answer. You will also bring pens / pencils, chrome books, agenda, notebooks, and your geography book to class. Respect your classmates, teachers, and staff always. Always bring a positive attitude to class. Use of the chrome books in class is allowed to complete work and not for games. Cell phones are to be in your locker and turned off during the school day. Most importantly, try and work hard. Effort is the most important tool in this class.

**Resources:** Your biggest resource will be the book you get in class, “The World and its People”.

**Last Note:** If you ever need help or have questions you can always email me or come talk to me after class. We could also schedule a time for you to stay after school for help, if needed.

## *Units at a Glance*

Dates are not included as part of the syllabus as it is very difficult to calculate the pace of teaching and learning.

Geography Handbook  
The World and its People

Unit 1: The World

- Looking at the Earth
- Water, Climate, and Vegetation
  - The World's People

Unit 2: Europe

- Europe-Early History
- Modern History
- Western Europe Today
  - The New Eastern Europe

Unit 3: Russia and the Eurasian Republics

- Russia's Landscape and History
- The New Russia and Independent Republics

Unit 4: North Africa and Southwest Asia

- Birthplace of Civilization
- North Africa Today
- Southwest Asia

Unit 5: Africa South of the Sahara

- West Africa
- Central and East Asia
- Southern Africa- A Varied Region

Unit 6: Asia

- South Asia
- China and Its Neighbors
- Japan and the Koreas
- Southeast Asia

Unit 7: Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica

- Australia and New Zealand
- Oceania and Antarctica

The U.S. and Canada

Latin America

**Grading System:** My grading system will be set up in points rather than percentages.

Tests: 25 points

Projects: 25 points

You will receive a rubric for the projects.

Quizzes: 20 points

Homework: 20 points

I weigh homework so heavily because it is often overlooked but is very important. Many of the questions on your tests will be from the homework assignments. I also know that not everyone tests well, so if you do your homework, it will help keep your grade up.

Classwork/participation: 10 points

Please participate in class, raise your hand, answer questions, and do the classwork.

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By signing this form, you have read through this document with your child and understand course policies and expectations. If there are any questions, please contact me through the email above.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_