

Duke Ellington School of the Arts
Syllabus
World Geography
Fall 2009

Textbook: Prentice Hall: World Geography

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World Geography

World geography is a semester course and is a requirement for graduation. The course is designed to provide students with a global perspective of the physical and human geography of several regions of the modern world. The regions of exploration include North America, Latin America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Northern Eurasia, Southwest Asia, Africa, South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific World.

Required Materials (EVERYDAY!!!)

- 1) One three ring binder- must have by August 31, 2009.
- 2) Pens/Pencils
- 3) Paper

Students:

- No hats, cell phones, I-Pods or other electronic devices are permitted in class. These items will be taken away and turned over to the Dean of Students. A parent or guardian will need to come pick them up.
- No gum, food or drinks in class (water bottles are acceptable).

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory (*Remember, a block day is counted as two class periods*). When students arrive late to class they are expected to sign in on the tardy role, otherwise they will remain marked absent. An excused tardy and or absence must be approved by the front office. Five or more unexcused absences in an advisory will automatically result in an "F" grade for the class. Three Tardies is equal to one absence.

Late Work and Make -Up Policy:

I do not accept late work. Students must be on time to class in order for their homework to be considered on time. All assignments are to be complete at the beginning of class. If a student's absence has been excused by the Dean of Students, then they will have an appropriate amount of time to make up the missing assignments. Students will lose 10% of their project grade each day the assignment is late.

Grading:

Class Work/ Homework.....	35%
Individual and Group Projects.....	35%
Quizzes.....	20%+
Notebook Check	10%

Grades (*According to DCPS Standards*):

A = 93-100	C = 73-76
A- = 90-92	C- = 70-72
B+ = 87-89	D+ = 67-69
B = 83-86	D = 64-66
B- = 80-82	F = 63 and below
C+ = 77-79	

Parents, please email me with any questions you may have. Concerns and issues will best be resolved if not left till the end of the advisory. I look forward to a wonderful school year with each student.

Natalie Bruford
August 24, 2009