World Geography

Syllabus

Mrs. Gomez

**Course Syllabus and Protocol for World Geography**

World Geography is a year-long course designed to provide students with a basic understanding of and interrelationship between physical and human geography.

**You need the following to have in class each day:**

Blue or Black ink pens and pencils.

Notebook for taking notes in class.

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:** You are a member of a community of learners.  For any community to thrive, certain concepts must be embraced.  In our community, I expect the following general behavior of all students.

RESPECT:  All students will respect themselves, their community members and their learning environment.

READINESS:  All students must attend class everyday and ready to actively participate in daily activities.

RESPONSIBILITY:  All students must accept responsibility for themselves and their actions.

***Active participation and preparedness is expected at all times!***

**Attendance**

Attendance It is absolutely crucial that you are in class EVERYDAY. If you are absent, you are responsible for the materials missed and the make-up work required. You can get all the handouts and assignments online on View Park Prep Social Studies website above. You will have 2 days after you come back to school to make up your homework

**Technology**

Technology is integrated in the course throughout the year. Students and teachers utilize Microsoft Office, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, for assignments, presentations, activities and projects. Students will also utilize the internet for project research, primary documents and alternative views.

**Homework**

All homework assignments must be completed on the scheduled due date. Unless otherwise noted, assignments are collected at the beginning of the class period. ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE ACCEPTED WITH 25% POINTS DEDUCTED ON THE NEXT DAY AND NO LATER.  Students receive reading packets with excerpts from a variety of sources as well as primary source documents.  Course content has been put together through a variety of sources and is regularly updated as new and reliable information is made available.    Reading packets made available to students may be done so in class-sets. Therefore, it is necessary that students use the reading time given in class effectively.

**GRADING SCALE IN PERCENTAGES:**

90-100%=A

80-89%=B

70-79%=C

60-69%=D

59% or below=F

Major Topics Covered (Semester 1)

• The Six Elements of Geography

• Introduction to the basics of physical & human geography

• United States and Canada

• Latin America (includes Middle America and South America)

• Europe, Russia, and the former Soviet Republics

Major Topics Covered (Semester 2)

• Africa

• Southwest Asia (The Middle East)

• East and Southeast Asia

• South Asia, with a focus on India

• Australia and New Zealand

• Various geography-related topics will be covered, including modern geographical

concerns and their historical roots