

Geography for High School Students

Grades:	8th – 12th
Day of Week:	Wednesday
Time of Class:	11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Length of Class:	20 weeks
Semester:	Fall and Winter
Tuition:	\$400.00
High School Credit:	1 – Social Studies/Social Science or Elective

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of October 4

Week 2: Week of October 11

Week 3: Week October 18

Week 4: Week of October 25

Week 5: Week of November 1

Week 6: Week of November 8

Week 7: Week of November 15

No classes: November 22 – November 26 (Thanksgiving Week)

Week 8: Week of November 29

Week 9: Week of December 6

Week 10: Week of December 13

Make Up Week: Week of January 3

Week 1: Week of January 10

Week 2: Week of January 17

Week 3: Week of January 24

Week 4: Week of January 31

Week 5: Week of February 7

Week 6: Week of February 14

Week 7: Week of February 21

Week 8: Week of February 28

Week 9: Week of March 7

Week 10: Week of March 14

Make Up Week: Week of March 21

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Description of Class:

Geography is an interdisciplinary subject! During this twenty-week course, students will travel the globe studying both the geographical elements of each continent as well as the culture and the people who live there. Students will be responsible for learning the countries, major mountain ranges and bodies of water. As geography and history are impossible to separate, we will also learn some history of the land! Class will be made up of lectures, multi-media, discussions and open-ended questions. Homework will be made up of independent reading, map building, map quizzes, open book tests and a final and a mid-term. We have a lot to cover! Do you want to join us on our journey around the world? Come along – it will be fun!

Class Approach:

Class will be made up of lectures, multi-media, discussions and open-ended questions. Homework will be made up of independent reading, map building, map quizzes, open book tests and a final and a mid-term.

Goals:

For students to gain a better understanding of the world around them.

Textbook:

Holt McDougal Geography

ISBN-10: 054751963X

https://www.amazon.com/Geography-Student-2012-HOLT-MCDOUGAL/dp/0547491107/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Holt+McDougal+Geography+ISBN-10%3A+054751963X&qid=1609638132&sr=8-1

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

A NEW up-to-date atlas (it can be any brand) that has land masses, bodies of water and mountain ranges.

Requirements:

- Students attend class. If you can't attend class, you watch the recording immediately.
- Students keep up with reading. Yes, it is a lot; however, this is a high school course.
- Students participate in class.
- Students respond to any short writing prompts that I provide you with.
- Students take quizzes on time.
- Students take OPEN BOOK Tests on time.
- Students take MID-TERM and FINAL by deadline.

Weekly Homework:

Approximately three to four hours of homework a week.

This includes independent reading of chapters, memorizing of geography, preparing for class discussions and any short writing prompts provided.

This is to help them be prepared for class.

Homework Policy:

It is expected that you stay up-to-date with your work.

Additional Policies:

Honesty. Integrity. Respect. Hard work. Enough said?

Evaluation:

Class Participation	20%
Writing Prompts	20%
Map Quizzes	20%
Open Book Tests	20%
Mid-Term	10%
Final Exam	10%

Grading Scale:

100-90: A

89-80: B

79-70: C

69-60: D

59 and below - No effort: F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction, Overview Unit 1: The Basics of Geography Chapter 1: Looking at Earth Chapter 2: A Living Planet Chapter 3: Climate and Vegetation Chapter 4: People and Places
Week 2	Test on Unit 1 Unit 2: The United States and Canada Chapter 5: A Land of Contrasts Chapter 6: Shaping an Abundant Land
Week 3	Chapter 7: Developing a Vast Wilderness Chapter 8: Today's Issues Map Quiz – The United States and Canada
Week 4	Test on Unit 2 Unit 3: Latin America Chapter 9: From the Andes to the Amazon Chapter 10: A Blending of Cultures
Week 5	Chapter 11: Latin America

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	Map Quiz – Latin America Unit 4: Europe Chapter 12: The Peninsula or Peninsulas
Week 6	Test on Unit 3 Chapter 13: Diversity, Conflict and Union Chapter 14: Today's issues Map Quiz - Europe
Week 7	Test on Unit 4 Unit 5: Russia and the Republics Chapter 15: A Land of Extremes Chapter 16: A Diverse Heritage
Week 8	Chapter 17: Russia and the Republics Map Quiz – Russia Test on Unit 5 Unit 6: Africa Chapter 18: The Plateau Continent Chapter 19: From Human Beings to New Nations
Week 9	Review for Mid Term - Units 1 – 6 Chapter 20: Today's Issues Map Quiz – Africa
Week 10	We are not meeting for class today. Instead, you will take the MID-TERM exam during class. It is OPEN BOOK. You may use your book, your class notes, power points etc. You may NOT get help from anyone.

Week	Topic
Week 11	Test on Unit 6 Unit 7: Southwest Asia Chapter 21: Harsh and Arid Lands Chapter 22: Religion, Politics and Oil
Week 12	Chapter 23: Southwest Asia Map Quiz: Southwest Asia
Week 13	Test on Unit 7 Unit 8: South Asia Chapter 24: The Land Where Continents Collided Chapter 25: A Region of Contrasts
Week 14	Chapter 26: South Asia Map Quiz: South Asia

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Week 15	Test on Unit 8 Unit 9: East Asia Chapters 27: A Rugged Terrain Chapter 28: Shared Cultural Traditions
Week 16	Chapter 29: East Asia Map Quiz: East Asia
Week 17	Test on Unit 9 Unit 10: Southeast Asia, Oceania, Antarctica Chapter 30: A Region of Extremes Chapter 31: Migration and Conquest
Week 18	Chapter 32: Southeast Asia, Oceania, Antarctica Map Quiz: Southeast Asia, Oceania, Antarctica
Week 19	Test on Unit 10: Southeast Asia, Oceania, Antarctica Review for Final Exam
Week 20	We do not meet for class. Instead, you use class time to take your Final Exam. It is OPEN BOOK. You may use your book, your class notes, power points etc. You may NOT get help from anyone