

7th Grade World Geography

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Course Information



Course Description:

Welcome to World Geography! We will start off the year with a unit on geography skills and tools (Latitude and Longitude, reading maps, etc.). Then we will focus on different regions of the world while applying our new skills. Throughout the year, we will follow the five major themes of geography: *place, location, movement, regions, and human-environment interaction.*

In addition to becoming expert mapmakers and readers, we will also sharpen our skills in reading, presenting, writing, research and citation methods, test-taking, small group work, debating, analyzing current events, and critical thinking.

Materials needed for class:

1. Your Chromebook.
2. Either a *3-ring binder or a folder to keep class handouts.*
3. *Pencil case with colored pencils, #2 pencils, highlighters, and pens.*
4. Textbooks-will be kept in the class and homework will be delivered through Google Classroom and class handouts
(*Discovering World Geography* by McGraw-Hill)

Extra Help:

To be determined based on Covid19 Guidelines. In the past it has been Tuesday at 2:05, room 216 or other times by appointment.

Homework:

Homework is given most days of the week and late assignments are not accepted for full credit. It is important that homework is done the day it is assigned as it ties into and reinforces the current class material.

Class Rules and Behavior:

Along with the Hingham Rules of the Road, in order to maintain a safe and productive learning environment, the following rules should be followed as well:

1. You are expected to arrive in class on time with the appropriate class materials.
2. Foul language and disrespectful manners are not tolerated.

Absences:

Copies of notes and assignments will be posted on the Google Classroom webpage. Students will be responsible for checking to make sure they have gone over any missed notes, obtained any missed handouts, and made up any missing tests, quizzes, and assignments.

Communication with Home:

1. Grades can be checked using Aspen X2.
2. My e-mail address is rflorence@hinghamschools.org, or I can be reached by phone at the Middle School.
3. Meetings can be scheduled by calling the Middle School and setting up an appointment through the main office secretaries.

Grading:

Grading is done by the points system. Assignments will be given different point values and at the end of the term all the points earned will be divided by the total number of points from the term.

Class Preparation and Participation

Please be organized and ready for class every day. Being ready means: be on time, with your Chromebook, have your binder, a pen or pencil, and your homework at your assigned seat. Be ready to engage, participate and listen throughout class.

Class Website:

This will serve as a place to see what your homework is, catch up on any class notes and assignments you missed, and link yourself to current events and other relevant material. This year each class will have its own Google Classroom Website. If your child is absent or has forgot what his/her homework is they should consult this site.

World Geography Class Codes for Mr. Flo will be e-mailed to you.

I look forward to a great year!