

# Syllabus World Geography & Cultures

Mrs Pfenninger

rm. 602

storie.pfenninger@fortbendisd.com

**Goal:** To have a safe and productive year learning about the world, its geography, and the cultures that inhabit it.



## Materials

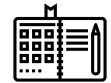
These are items that you will be using in class most days

- ☐ **Chromebook** - Charged!
- ☐ **Interactive Notebook:** Kept in classroom most days
- ☐ **Pencil Bag:** Pencil, Color Pencils, Scissors, Glue Stick, Index Cards
- ☐ **Planner**



## Schoology Reminders

- ☐ Notifications turned **ON**
- ☐ Always hit **SUBMIT** on assignments
- ☐ Check for Daily Agenda / Upcoming Assignments



## Units

- *Geography and Map Skills*
- *Culture, Religion, Economics, & Governments*
- *North America*
- *Latin America*
- *Europe*
- *Southwest Asia & North Africa*
- *Sub-Saharan Africa*
- *Asia*
- *Australia, New Zealand, & Oceania*



## Absences and Makeup Work

- If you are absent from class, **YOU** are responsible for getting and making up any missing work
  - See me during **before class- not during class** - to get help, ask questions about missing work, or make up tests/quizzes
  - Work from Absent Work bin (they are organized by date)
  - You will have an extension equal to the days that you are absent to make up work



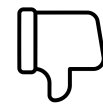
## Late Work

- Students will have 10 points deducted from the overall score per day. Work that is more than 10 days late will remain a 0 in the gradebook.
- Extensions will be given to students who contact me **before** an assignment is due to request one.



## Procedures and Expectations

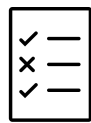
- **Be prepared**
  - Turn in assignments on time
  - Check Schoology for daily tasks
- **Participate in class daily**
  - Work hard
  - Ask questions
  - Limit distractions (including with technology)
- **Be respectful and understanding of classmates and me**
  - Listen when others are speaking
  - Conduct yourself appropriately



## Consequences

If a student chooses not to meet these expectations, the following consequences will be followed:

- ☐ **Verbal Warning**
- ☐ **Teacher Detention + Parent Contact**
- ☐ **Administrative Referral**



## Additional Policies

- **NO PHONES** - Everything needed for class is accessible on your Chromebooks. Phones are **not permitted** for use in class, and should be kept in backpack, turned off.
  - **No warnings** will be given - if the phone is being used, **it will be taken**
  - If phone use becomes an issue, it be addresses with our Assistant Principal.
  - This includes airpods in ears during class activities; Wired headphones may be used during tests.
- **Food/Drinks** - Only water is permitted in class. All food must be eaten in the cafeteria. Water must be in a closable bottle; where the top must snap or screw close.
- **Schoology** - All assignments and notes from each day will be posted to schoology. Within the Instruction Folder and categorized by grading period and date. This will allow students who are out to easily navigate to the day(s) they were out and see what they missed.



## Grades

- **Daily Grades:** Per grading period there will be a minimum of 6 grades. Additional grades may be taken throughout the grading period.
- **Major Grades:** The first and third grading periods will have 3 major grades. The fourth grading period will have 4 major grades.
- **Test Makeup & Retakes** - If a student is out during the test, they are able to schedule a time to make-up the test either before school or after school. Should a student receive a score lower than a 75, they are able to retake the test to achieve a score up to 75 points.

