

World Studies

7th Grade

Mr. Bland

Textbook: *Geography: The World and Its People*

Overview: This course is designed to make students more aware of the world around them. This course will emphasize map skills as well as general research skills. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of resources.

Current Events: We will discuss current events on a daily basis. I will expect students to contribute in class discussions of current events as well as take notes on the discussions. Current events quizzes will be given each week on Friday (unless it is a test day).

Homework: Students will periodically receive homework assignments. Due dates will be given in class and students are expected complete the assignment by the due date. Students that fail to hand in their assignment will receive an **academic detention** (as outlined in the school handbook).

Responsibilities: Students will be expected to bring their textbook, writing utensils, and their notebooks with them to class every day. If other materials are required, students will be informed ahead of time by the teacher.

Grading: Students will be graded in the following categories.

Note: Assignments and grade values are subject to change. If a change is made, students will be notified.

Participation
Current Events Quizzes
Homework Assignments
Maps
Projects/Papers
Tests

Areas to be covered include, but are not limited to the following:

What is geography?

-Basic terminology and mapping skills

North America (Including the 50 states and capitals)

-Regional studies of the United States including population trends

Latin America

-Countries and capitals

-Cultural differences including music and dance

Africa

-Colonial history

-Western influences

-Africa today

Asia

-China and the population boom

-Southeast Asia

-Food of Asia

Australia, Antarctica, and Oceania

-Wildlife

-Historical influences