World Geography

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Index Cards

• Before I hand out the syllabus, please print the following on your index card:
  – Line 1: Name/Class Period
  – Line 2: SLC/grade
  – Lines 3-5: Sports/Extracurricular Activities
  – Lines 6+: Something interesting about you
    e.g. Hobbies, Talents (useful and non-useful), what you did over the summer, etc.
  – Bottom 3 lines (Pre-AP only): Why are you taking Pre-AP World Geography?
• This will count as a daily grade!

First-day Handouts

• Syllabus – your course guide – KEEP IT
• Parent Letters – Due on Friday, August 28 as a 5-point homework assignment
• E4
• Index Cards
• Course Website: http://fahler-cweb.moonfruit.com/

Grading

Grading Scale (From CCISD Handbook)

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Grade Distribution

- Major Exams/Tests: 80%
- Daily Grades: 40%
- Current Events Assignment 1 (CEA I): 5%
- Current Events Assignment 2 (CEA II): 5%

Keep in mind that participation and work effort can only help your grade!

Grades at CSHS

• Breakdown of Nine-weeks Grades:
  1st Nine Weeks: 40% of 1st Semester
  2nd Nine Weeks: 40% of 1st Semester
  Semester Final: 20% of 1st Semester
  3rd Nine Weeks: 40% of 2nd Semester
  4th Nine Weeks: 40% of 2nd Semester
  Final Exam: 20% of 2nd Semester

The final grade will be an average of the two semester grades.

Course Rules/Expectations

• Be Prompt
• Be Polite
• Be Prepared
Course Procedures

• When entering the classroom, you should have your book, notebook, and a pen or pencil.
• Be in your seat when the bell rings. **You may be counted as “tardy” if you are not seated.**
• Homework will be collected at the beginning of class. Late homework will be accepted for fewer points.
• Raise your hand to speak in class and do not interrupt your classmates.
• **Have fun!**

Questions to Consider

• What is meant by “geography?”
• Why are we taking this course?
• Does geography belong in the “social studies?”
• Does it involve more than just naming places?
• Couldn’t this class be ignored if we just watch Yakko from Animaniacs a few times?

Reminders – Assignments

• Make sure I have your index card – it is a daily grade
• Parent letters due Friday as a daily grade
• Expect a crossword puzzle vocabulary assignment – **more information tomorrow**!
• I look forward to a GREAT year!

Unit Expectations and Book Walkthrough

1. You will be expected to have your book in class EVERY day
2. The book is divided into units, chapters, and sections
3. **Glossary:** page

   - http://my.hrw.com user: c1125; pass: geo1233
4. Expect to see the following in each unit:
   - Chapter quizzes
   - Regular homework/classwork for each section
   - Unit tests
   - Chapter/Unit projects
5. Expect the following material to be covered on quizzes and tests:
   - Vocabulary
   - Concepts/Ideas
   - Mapping/map skills
   - Identification/matching
Geography: Why Do I Care?

1.) Take out half a sheet of paper;
2.) Write down on side one what DOES relate to geography;
3.) Wait for instructions…

Keep in mind that the person with the most responses in the time given will receive a free extra credit question on the first quiz.

Geography: Why Do I Care?

1.) Flip your paper over;
2.) Write down on side one what DOES NOT relate to geography;
3.) Wait for instructions…

Keep in mind that the person with the most responses in the time given will receive a free extra credit question on the first quiz.

Geography: Why Do I Care?

Geography

Types of Geography

• Physical
  – Definition:
  – Examples

• Human
  – Definition:
  – Examples

Chapter 1
What is Geography?

• “Geography” comes from the Greek word γεωγραφία (geografia)
  – Geo = the Earth
  – What is “Geology?” “Geometry?”
  – Graphy = to measure or write about
  – Literally, geography is the science in which we write about and measure the earth
  – Geographers are also interested in how humans and animals interact with the planet

Chapter 1
Important Concepts/Ideas

• Geography
• Perspective
• Landscapes
• Cartography
• Meteorology
• Region
• Formal Region
• Functional Region
• Perceptual Region
• Perception
Vocabulary
• Each week, we will work on vocabulary homework at least one night
• You will be expected to give definitions for all of the vocabulary words from your book – you MAY use the glossary in the back of the text
• Homework will be collected the following day as part of a daily homework grade
• For the first vocabulary assignment, we will work on crossword puzzles

Vocabulary Homework: Chapter 1, Section 1
• This crossword puzzle will be due tomorrow – if we have time at the end of the period, you will have class time to work on it;
• Keep in mind that it may be found on E4!

Vocabulary Study Tips
• Frayer Model

The Six Essential Elements of Geography
• The World in Spatial Terms
• Places and Regions
• Physical Systems
• Human Systems
• Environment and Society
• The Uses of Geography
  – WPPHEU
  – “Worldwide, Penguins Prefer Highly Effective Unicycles”

About the 6EE Quiz
• We will be exploring the Six Essential Elements through a quiz;
• For this quiz, you do NOT need to memorize them – they will be provided!
• Instead, you will be identifying them through EXAMPLES.

The Six Essential Elements of Geography
• Work with a partner to choose one of the six essential elements and create a poster about that topic
  – This will go toward your daily grade
Reminders - Assignments

- Parent Confirmation
- Crossword Vocabulary
- Study for the 6EE quiz with your worksheet!
  – I will collect the worksheets before we take the quiz – you will hand them in tomorrow!

Quiz: Chapter 1

Write down the correct term for each definition. This will be a daily grade.

Good luck!

Section 2: Using the Geographer’s Tools

Section II Vocabulary: Map Skills

- Grid
- Latitude
- Longitude
- Equator
- Parallels
- Meridians
- Prime M.
- Degrees
- Hemispheres
Subfields of Geography

- Cartography:
- Meteorology:

Types of Regions

- Formal (Physical Geography)
  - An area with certain characteristics that make it unique
  - Can be mapped out with coordinates
- Functional (Human Geography)
  - Made up of places which are physically linked together
- Perceptual
  - What we think of a certain region

Map Projections to Know

- Mercator: Conical; distorts sizes in order to preserve shape
- “The Greenland Problem” – What happens?

Map Projections

Great-circle Route

http://www.acscdg.com/
Population Pyramids

Europe

Africa

- Male
- Female

- 80 +
- 75 - 79
- 70 - 74
- 65 - 69
- 60 - 64
- 55 - 59
- 50 - 54
- 45 - 49
- 40 - 44
- 35 - 39
- 30 - 34
- 25 - 29
- 20 - 24
- 15 - 19
- 10 - 14
- 5 - 9
- 0 - 4