

# WORLD GEOGRAPHY

COURSE SYLLABUS 2023-24



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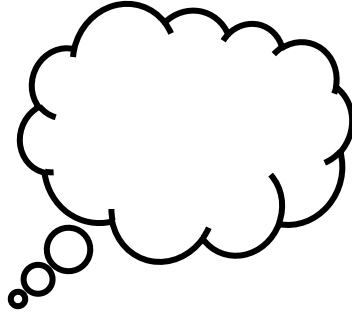
\*PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 24 HOURS FOR EMAIL RESPONSE



TOPICS OF STUDY  
THIS CLASS IS A SURVEY OF GEOGRAPHY, CORRESPONDING TO MCPS, MONTANA, AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CONTENT STANDARDS. AREAS OF STUDY THAT WE WILL EXPLORE INCLUDE CULTURE, PEOPLE AND PLACES, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMPTION, GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY, GLOBAL CONNECTIONS, AND PATTERNS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE.

## IN THIS COURSE YOU WILL

- CITE STRONG AND THOROUGH TEXTUAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ARGUMENTS
- PARTICIPATE IN COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONS
- RESEARCH SEVERAL TOPICS OF PERSONAL INTEREST
- SHARE RESEARCH AND ARGUMENTS IN SEVERAL PROJECTS AND WRITINGS

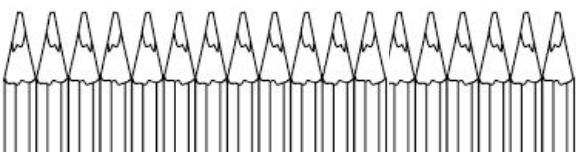


## EXPECTATIONS

Be Respectful. Be Engaged.  
Be Responsible.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- A BINDER OR FOLDER FOR KEEPING NOTES AND HANDOUTS
- PENS AND/OR PENCILS
- COLORED PENCILS OR MARKERS
- CHROMEBOOK



## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

\*IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK YOUR GRADES REGULARLY. SEE ME IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR GRADES OR ASSIGNMENTS. KEEP UP WITH ASSIGNMENTS BY ACCESSING INFINITE CAMPUS, AND UTILIZING ADVISORY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK\*

50%

DAILY/CLASSWORK

40%

TESTS, QUIZZES, PROJECTS

10%

CITIZENSHIP, BELLRINGERS

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## LATE WORK / MAKE UP POLICY

WORK DONE IN-CLASS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE PERIOD, AND CONSIDERED LATE THEREAFTER.



- LATE WORK WILL BE TAKEN AT  $\frac{3}{4}$  AFTER ONE DAY, AND  $\frac{1}{2}$  UNTIL THE END OF THE UNIT
- PER SCHOOL POLICY, NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED BEYOND END OF UNIT. SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR EXCEPTIONS
- MISSED CURRENT EVENTS WILL BE INDEPENDENTLY FOUND AND MADE UP FROM GOOGLECLASSROOM

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

THE SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK DEFINES CHEATING AS, "AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE GRADES BY COPYING NOTES, PAPERS, LOOKING AT ANOTHER'S PAPER OR TEST, PLAGIARISM, ETC." THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:



- COPYING A CLASSMATE'S WORK,
- COPYING FROM AN ONLINE SOURCE/AUTHOR (INCLUDING GENERATIVE AI)
- INSERTING A COUPLE OF YOUR OWN WORDS INTO ANOTHER AUTHOR'S STATEMENT WITHOUT CITING THE SOURCE.

PLEASE SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR CONSEQUENCES OF PLAGIARISM

## UNITS OF STUDY

### SEMESTER 1:

#### AFRICA

- THE NILE RIVER: A JOURNEY FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH
- LIFE IN THE SAHARA AND THE SAHEL: ADAPTING TO A DESERT REGION
- MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS: WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA
- NIGERIA: A COUNTRY OF MANY CULTURES
- RESOURCES AND POWER IN POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA

#### MONSOON ASIA PT. 1

- WAITING FOR RAINS: THE EFFECTS OF MONSOONS IN SOUTH ASIA
- TECH WORKERS AND TIME ZONES: INDIA'S COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE
- MOUNT EVEREST: CLIMBING THE WORLD'S TALLEST PHYSICAL FEATURE

#### MONSOON ASIA PT. 2

- CHINA: THE WORLD'S MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY
- POPULATION DENSITY IN JAPAN: LIFE IN A CROWDED COUNTRY

### SEMESTER 2:

#### SW/CENTRAL ASIA

- OIL IN SOUTHWEST ASIA: HOW "BLACK GOLD" HAS SHAPED A REGION
- ISTANBUL: A PRIMATE CITY THROUGHOUT HISTORY
- THE ARAL SEA: CENTRAL ASIA'S SHRINKING WATER SOURCE

#### RUSSIA

- INVISIBLE BORDERS: TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION IN EUROPE
- RUSSIA'S VARIED LANDSCAPE: PHYSICAL PROCESSES AT WORK
- NATION-STATES FROM THE OLD SOVIET EMPIRE: HOW HAVE THEY SUCCEEDED

#### EU EUROPE

- SUPRANATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
- POPULATION DILEMMAS IN EUROPE

#### LATIN AMERICA

- SPATIAL INEQUALITY IN MEXICO CITY: FROM SHACKS TO SKYSCRAPERS
- INDIGENOUS CULTURES: THE SURVIVAL OF THE MAYA OF MESOAMERICA
- DEALING WITH EXTREME WEATHER: HURRICANES IN THE CARIBBEAN
- LAND USE CONFLICT IN THE AMAZON RAINFOREST
- LIFE IN THE CENTRAL ANDES: ADAPTING TO A MOUNTAINOUS REGION

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO MS. FINLEY BY 09/05/23

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred method of contact (Check one):** Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below, I declare that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Geography guidelines for the 2023-2024 school year, including the following:*

Expectation/Rule	Student Initials	Adult Initials
Electronic devices will be stored in provided storage caddy and will not be used without teacher approval/request.		
Assignments that are late receive 75%/50% credit until the end of the unit (see student handbook for exceptions).		

**Adult Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU SO MUCH, I CAN'T WAIT TO WORK WITH YOU THIS YEAR!