World Geography/World Civ

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**Course Description:**

This course focuses on the physical geography, cultures, and history of the world. We will seek to understand diversity and the importance of becoming knowledgeable of the world around us.

**Learning Activities:** We will use a variety of learning activities including:

♦ Open discussions as a class and in

 smaller co-operative groups.

♦ Appropriate assignments from the text

♦ Activities that enhance reading and

 writing skills.

♦ Use of maps to learn locations and

 physical features of the world.

♦ Exploration of current events.

**Academic Grade:** Your grade (A,B,C,D, or F) will be based on the five categories described below**.**

☻**PARTICIPATION (15%):** At the beginning of each term, students receive 100 points of participation. Points are deducted when a student does not fully participate. This includes, but is not limited to: being absent or tardy (-10 points for each absence after the first time gone, -5 points for each tardy after the first time whether or not it is excused), -10 points for being unprepared (i.e. no book, pencil, etc.), and -10 points for disrupting the learning of others. Students may make up points lost for one absence (10 points max) by coming in on Tuesday during Tuesday late bus from 3:00-4:00 pm. They must be on time for these make up sessions and stay the whole time. You may not make up points lost for tardies, being unprepared, or disrupting the class. Excessive tardies will result in additional work for the student. **YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS FOR SCHOOL EXCUSED ABSENCES** (**choir, bball, band, etc.)**

# ☻ASSESSMENTS/TESTS (25%):

There are two types of assessments, End of Unit Tests and Map Tests. Assessments are based on the Utah State Core Curriculum and will allow students to demonstrate understanding of the most important learning objectives.  These assessments will be given to all students within a grade level and/or class.

End of unit tests may be retaken **ONCE** for a maximum of 70% after the following conditions have been met:

1. The Student scored below 70% on the first attempt.

2. The Student must complete assigned remediation.

**Students will have two weeks from the original date the test was given to complete the remediation and unit test retake**. **After two weeks, the student will not be allowed to retake the test.**

**MAP TESTS CANNOT BE RETAKEN!!!**

☻**DAILY ASSIGNMENTS (25%):** This category covers all in class assignments. Attending school and being engaged in the class is an enormous requirement in this class. If a student misses an assignment due to an absence, they will need to come and talk to me about it. It may be required that students will not be able to take certain assignments home, but will have to complete them in class before or after school, or during late bus Tuesday.

☻**HOMEWORK/QUIZZES (20%):**  Homework is given regularly. It is often finishing up an assignment started in class. Late work will result in 50% of the score received on the assignment. Quizzes are given 1-2 times per unit of study.

☻**PROJECTS (15%):** Students will be given one project per term. Time outside of class will be necessary to complete the project. Projects are due on the date assigned even if a student is absent the day it is due. **Projects turned in after the due date will receive ½ credit.**

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit will only be offered in very limited circumstances. It will not be given as a means to raise a grade at the last minute.

**Late Work:** If a student’s absence is excused, they will have one day for each day they were absent to complete and turn in the work missed. If a student simply does not turn in an assignment on the due date or turns it in past the time allowed for excused absences, they can turn in the assignment for ½ credit. **No assignments will be accepted for a unit of study after the date of the final assessment for that unit**.

**Hall Passes:** Students are given two hall passes per term. These may be used for the restroom, locker, drink, etc. After two have been used, a student will lose 10 points of participation each time they wish to use another hall pass. They cannot earn back lost participation points for excessive hall pass use.

**Grades** Grades are updated at least weekly on Skyward and all students have access to the internet at school. Contact the office for instructions on how to view grades on Skyward. Students may come in before or after school to view their grades in my classroom. The grade breakdown is as follows:

**100-94% A 76-74% C**

**93-90% A- 73-70% C-**

**89-87% B+**  **69-67% D+**

**86-84% B 66-64% D**

**83-80% B- 63-60% D-**

**79-77% C+ 59-0% I/F**

**Citizenship Grade:** This will be determined by the following three areas:

►**Participation:** **100-85 points = O,**

 **80-65 = S, 60-45 = N, Below 45 = U.**

**►Unexcused Absences: Students with an unexcused absence will receive an automatic “U”. They will be allowed to make up work missed, but will receive at the most 50% of the original grade.**

**►Cheating: Students who are dishonest will be given an automatic “U”. This includes cheating on a test or copying another student’s assignment or allowing someone to copy your own assignment. The student’s score on the assignment or the test may be forfeited entirely.**

**Materials Needed:** Students are expected to bring paper and pen/pencil every day. They are also strongly encouraged to have colored pencils. We use them a lot for maps and projects throughout the year. I will provide some to use when needed, but it will be much better for the students if they have their own.

**Electronic Devices:** Electronic Devices are prohibited in class, unless authorized by Mr. Flood. I am very strict on this and electronic devices will be confiscated immediately and delivered to the front office.

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

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_