**HMS 7th Grade Geography Syllabus**

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**Course Information**:

Seventh-grade Social Studies focuses on the geography, history, and cultures of the Eastern Hemisphere. Students learn about the basic foundations of geography and then focus on the five themes of geography as it relates to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

**Required Materials and Textbooks:**

Students can access TCI, the social studies text, online through Clever. They will be given instructions on how to access the online text and classwork during the first few weeks of school. There are also hard copies of the text to check out if needed. Students will take notes and be assigned written work at times, so they will need a pencil, a folder, and a notebook for this purpose. Notebooks will be stored in a consistent location in the classroom, so students can access them daily. In addition, students will need earbuds and computer mouse when using they are using Chromebooks.

**Year-at-a-Glance:**

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| Foundation of Geography | Quarter 1 | Each Unit Will Include: \*Mapping Skills/Physical Geography \*History/Human Geography |
| Europe | Quarter 1-2 |  \*Cultural Studies |
| Africa | Quarter 2-3 |  \*Economy |
| SW Asia | Quarter 3-4 |  \*Inquiry Based Learning |
| Asia | Quarter 4 |  |

**Grading Policy:**

Grading Scale: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, <60% = F

Students will be graded on class participation, short class assignments, project completion, written responses, and assessments. Students are allowed corrections on all assignments. Grade will be updated weekly in PowerSchool. Students are responsible for making up work missed when they are absent. Assignments will be posted on my weekly agenda.

Redo, Rewrite, Retest:

* Students may choose to redo a test/assessment if they score lower than a 70%.
* If students plan to redo a test/assessment they must contact me immediately after initial assessment results to determine the additional practice required and to determine the test retake date/time.
* Students have one week from the original test date to retake or redo an alternate test during class, advisor, or lunch unless the teacher agrees to a different arrangement.

Late Work: Late classwork will be accepted for full credit until the end of the unit/chapter assessment. Missing assignments will show as a zero in the gradebook until they are turned in. Students are encouraged to check PowerSchool regularly to identify missing or incomplete work, and to finish any missing work at home or in advisor if they are unable to finish during class or if they have missing work after an absence.

**Classroom Expectations:**

**\*\*\*Be Safe\*\*\*Be Responsible\*\*\*Be Respectful\*\*\*Be a Learner\*\*\***

 **Positive Attitude and a Desire to Learn!**

**SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

***Please sign below and remove this page and return it to Mrs. Kaufman by Friday, September 5, 2025.***

I acknowledge that I have read and understand Mrs. Kaufman’s syllabus for the

2025-2026 school year.

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