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Honors Global Studies: Class Policies & Procedures

“We are obliged to know we are global citizens.”

-- Maya Angelou

Introduction

The world is an ever-shrinking place. Young people coming of age in the 21st century require a sophisticated understanding of the rich mosaic of nations, cultures, and peoples who inhabit the earth in order to make sense of the world, thrive economically, and grapple with the serious challenges facing our planet. The aim of this course is to spark student interest in global affairs and international events, and provide them with a basic knowledge of the geography, history, and cultures of the major regions of the world. Coursework emphasizes analytical reading, critical thinking, persuasive writing, and oral presentation.

Evaluation

Student grades are based on a variety of in-class and homework assignments including quick writes, reading questions, reflective and analytical essays, quizzes, multimedia presentations, and individual and collaborative group projects. Classroom discussions and debates are an extremely important part of the coursework; accordingly, **class participation constitutes a substantial portion of the final course grade.**

Late work is ordinarily not accepted, but students are encouraged to speak with the instructor in the event that extraordinary circumstances arise.

Required Materials

Students are expected to bring the following items with them to class *everyday*:

- An 8½" x 11" Single Subject College Ruled Spiral Notebook with a solid colored cover. (This notebook **will be left permanently in the classroom** for in-class writing assignments).
- A 3 Ringed Binder with separate sections and at least 1 pocket to store class handouts, readings, returned homework, and other materials. (You may choose to use a single binder for all 3 core classes.)
- A supply of 8½" x 11" Filler Paper for note taking and classwork.
- Blue or Black Ink Pens.
- A Calendar/Agenda to record assignments and due dates. (You may use your cellphone for this purpose; the objective is that you be organized.)

Websites

Homework assignments and other class announcements may be found at Mr. Kaufman's Social Studies website (kaufmansocialstudies.weebly.com) under the Global Studies tab. Student grades are reported at Jupiter Grades.

Electronic Devices

The use of cellphones is not permitted in class, unless specifically authorized by the instructor. Because these devices have become a great distraction to the learning process, **they will be confiscated from those students who use them inappropriately.**

I am very excited about the year we have in store together and welcome any questions or comments you may have about these policies and procedures.

We have read and discussed the classroom policies and procedures, and the student agrees to make his or her very best effort to honor them.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature