

Pompano Beach High School  
World Culture Geography Honors  
Course Syllabus  
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**Course Description:** World Cultural Geography is the study of the way humans live, interact with, and impact the world. The course is organized by units, with the primary objective of having students gain understanding of systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of Earth's surface. In addition, students will employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. Finally, students will also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice.

This course will explore two realms of geography. The realms of physical and human geography allow students to explore issues on a global scale. The course will explore the following sections: nature and perspectives, population, culture, politics, agriculture, urbanization, industrialization, and environmental/social issue. There will be unit tests, projects, and readings in order to determine quarter grades. Grades are accrued on a point basis through test scores, quizzes, projects, map quizzes, class participation, and reading assignments.

**Course Objective:**

The general themes of Global Studies are as follows:

1. Geography is fundamentally concerned with the ways in which patterns on the Earth's surface reflect and influence physical and human processes.
2. Geography looks at the world from a spatial perspective—seeking to understand the changing spatial organization and material character of Earth's surface.
3. Geographical analysis requires a sensitivity to scale not just a spatial category but as a framework for understanding how events and processes at different scales influences one another.
4. Geography is concerned not simply with describing patterns, but with analyzing how they came about and what the mean.
5. Geography is concerned with the ways in which events and processes operating at other places.

**CLASS RULES:**

- ❖ Be on time!
- ❖ Respect yourself and others at all time.
- ❖ Absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK in class, unless permission is given.
- ❖ Absolutely no cell phones or similar electronic devices, unless permission has been granted by instructor to do so. Phones will be confiscated and turned into administration.
- ❖ Absolutely no recording, or taking pictures of any kind while in class or on assignment unless permission is given. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE regarding cellphones/cameras. Violation of this rule, student will receive a zero for the day along with an administration referral.
- ❖ Bullying will not be tolerated.

- ❖ Appropriate language and behavior is expected at all times.
- ❖ One is expected to contribute to the learning of one another in the course by being prepared for class and engaging in and contribution to the learning in the course.

**HONOR CODE:** Pompano Beach High School prides itself on preparing students for the rigors of college. It is therefore imperative that students do their own work so that they learn content accurately. The faculty expects academic integrity: therefore, students must abide by the PBHS Honor Code when they complete assignments, test, quizzes, projects, and all other work, both in class and out of class.

**EXPECTED PARTICIPATION:** All students enrolled in this course are expected to participate in all daily activities with SUFFICIENT EFFORT. Students are expected to fully cooperate with instructor. Non-compliant students will lose participation points for that day.

**GRADING POLICY:** Grades for World Culture Geography will be based on 100% Grading Scale.

Tests: There will be a number of tests during the semester. They will be made of multiple-choice questions.

Vocab/Map Quizzes: Some quizzes will be announced, some unannounced. Be prepared!

Projects: Students will be given projects throughout each quarter. Students will receive a rubric that will entail what is expected.

Participation/Daily Activities: Students will be responsible for daily discussion, assignments, and activities. Students must be prepared and ready for discussion. Students must be prepared and ready for discussion. Students are responsible completing ALL assignments whether in class or not. Students are expected to be engaging in all class discussions as they promote understanding of concepts. Please be aware of the importance of participation!

**SUPPLIES:** (1) 3 Ring Binder, (1) sets of dividers, sheet protectors, colored pencils, markers, flash drive, Composition book and an open mind.

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### Acknowledgement Receipt

Scholar's Name:(clearly print)\_\_\_\_\_

Scholar's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact #:\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_