

Fir Ridge Campus

Global Studies B

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Course Description

Global Studies will broaden high school students' perspectives and deepen their understanding of our interconnected world. This curriculum explores diverse cultures, global issues, and international relations, fostering a global mindset. Students will critically discuss globalization, human rights, environmental sustainability, and social justice. They will also examine historical events and current affairs that shape our global landscape. Students develop essential skills in cross-cultural communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving through research projects, debates, and exposure to various perspectives. Global Studies prepares students to be informed global citizens and equips them for careers in international relations, diplomacy, journalism, and non-profit organizations.

Coursework

first hexter: Asia

- **India: geography, culture, history, current issues**
- **China: geography, culture, history, current issues**

second hexter: Africa

- **whole class: geography, culture, history, current issues of the continent**
- **student: geography, culture, history, current issues of an assigned African country**

Grading

50% daily assignments: notes, reading/writing, projects

30% unit finals

20% classroom citizenship

Materials

All necessary materials provided.

Classroom Expectations

bring your best self:

- *consistent attendance*
- *punctual arrival*
- *school/work-appropriate language*
- *fed, rested, and sober*
- *focused and engaged*

engage in productive work:

- *participate in all activities*
- *contribute to culture of learning*
- *ask questions*
- *follow directions and rules*
- *maintain healthy phone boundaries*

quick trips to the restroom

maintain a safe environment:

- *be kind and respectful*
- *value and celebrate differences*
- *assume positive intent*
- *allow others to learn*
- *clean up after yourself*

About Me

I love spending time with family and friends.

I enjoy being creative by making music and building structures and furniture.

I really like food, including gardening, cooking, and eating.

I recharge by spending time in nature and/or alone.