

Syllabus: World Geography Pre AP 2026-2027

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Course description: This course will follow the World Geography TEKS, (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) with a heavy concentration on the interaction of humans with the environment. A special emphasis will be placed on physical, political, cultural and economic aspects of the major *cultural regions* of the globe and the role that history and geography play in current events affecting our world today.

Expectations and class activities: World Geography Pre-AP is a course intended to prepare students for high school Advanced Placement courses (such as World History AP and American History AP) and coursework that will be taken in college.

World Geography Pre-AP will require and develop critical thinking skills, academic discourse, collaboration, written communication, digital literacy and ownership of learning. Will complete a number of classroom activities that are based on College Board (AP) and CISD curriculum.

Grading Policy: Grades will be based on three categories:

1. Homework / Daily (20%)
2. Quizzes / DCAs (35%)
3. Unit Assessments / Major Grades / Projects (45%)

Plagiarism or other forms of cheating will not be tolerated. Every grade is important: one zero on an assignment can cost you a letter grade in a grading period!

If you are absent, check Google Classroom for missing assignments.

There will be **no extra credit** in this class, so never forget the importance of each and every assignment!

Late Work: Work turned in late will only be accepted for up to **3 days** after the assignment was due. Penalties for late work are as follows:

1st day late: max grade of 80

2nd day late: max grade of 70

3rd day late: max grade of 60

Class rules:

1. Be on time and prepared to learn.
2. When the teacher is talking you should be listening. Raise your hand and wait to be called on.
3. Follow the student code of conduct. No cell phones allowed in the classroom.
4. Ask permission before leaving the classroom for any reason (restroom, water, collaboration space).
5. You have the right to an opinion, but you don't have the right to be rude.

The penalties for violating class law or any other school rule will result in:

- 1st offense: verbal warning
- 2nd offense: conference after class or during your lunch
- 3rd offense: parent contact and/or discipline referral
- 4th offense: discipline referral to your administrator

Course Materials: Students are expected to have the following items:

- 1) Pen, paper and folder/binder (you will need to write and hold onto information)
- 2) Map pencils and markers (some assignments will require coloring)
- 3) 1 box of tissues
- 4) 1 tri fold poster board
- 5) 1 pack of index cards (100)

College Board Classroom Codes:

Coach Stolhandske

Ms. Adams

Coach Campos

Coach Fernandez

Tutoring is available by appointment (mornings and Pieper Prep). Feel free to contact us by email at carl.stolhandske@comalisd.org faith.adams2@comalisd.org thomas.campos@comalisd.org matthew.fernandez@comalisd.org with questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. We look forward to a great year of teaching each and every one of you about the world in which we live!