

World Geography

Teacher: Mr. Bateman

School: Maxwell High School

School Year: 2026-2027

Classroom: 106

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Welcome to World Geography! 🌍

Get ready for an adventure! This year, we will journey across the globe to explore the fascinating connections between people, places, and the environment. You will learn to think like a geographer, using maps and data to understand the world's diverse cultures, physical landscapes, and the challenges that shape our planet. Our goal is not just to learn *about* the world, but to understand our place *in* it.

Our Journey This Year: Course Units

Our exploration will be guided by these major themes:

- **Foundations:** The Five Themes of Geography & Essential Map Skills
 - **The Physical World:** Climate Systems, Ecosystems, and Landforms
 - **The Human World:** Population, Culture, Migration, and Politics
 - **Regional Studies:** Deep dives into specific regions like Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and East Asia to see how these concepts apply in the real world.
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Measuring Our Progress: Grading Policy

Your grade is a reflection of your learning and effort. It will be calculated based on the following weighted categories:

- **Major Assessments** (Unit Tests, Projects, Essays): 50
 - **Quizzes:** 30
 - **Classwork & Homework:** 20
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Tools for Exploration: Required Materials

Please bring the following materials to class with you every day to be prepared for our journey:

- A 1.5-inch 3-ring binder (to be used only for World Geography)
 - Pens and pencils
 - Colored pencils
 - A charged school-issued device (e.g., Chromebook, iPad)
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Our Class Contract: Policies & Expectations

To ensure our classroom is a productive and respectful place for all explorers, we will all agree to the following policies.

1. Late Work Policy: To practice responsibility and time management, deadlines are important. Work may be turned in **one day late** for a maximum grade of 70. After one day, late work will not be accepted without an excused absence or a prior arrangement made with the teacher.

2. Academic Integrity: All work in this class must be your own. Cheating of any kind, including plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without giving them credit), will result in a zero for the assignment, a notification to your parents/guardians, and a referral to school administration. Let's learn together with honesty and integrity.

3. Classroom Expectations:

- **Be Prepared:** Arrive on time with all your materials.
- **Be Engaged:** Participate in discussions and activities. Ask questions!
- **Be Respectful:** Listen when others are speaking and treat your classmates, your teacher, and the classroom with respect.

4. Absences & Make-Up Work: Your presence in class is important! If you have an excused absence, it is **your responsibility** to find out what you missed. You can check our class website or ask a reliable classmate. You will have **one day to complete make-up work for each day you were absent**. It is your responsibility to schedule a time with me to make up any missed quizzes or tests.

Syllabus Agreement: Please sign and return this page to Mr. Bateman by Friday, August 22, 2025.

We have read and understood the expectations and policies for Mr. Bateman's World Geography class. We agree to do our part to make this a successful and productive semester.

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____