



8th Grade Geography

2025-2026

Expectations:

- Come to class each day prepared and on time. Being prepared means having all of your materials, homework, and a good attitude. Materials include your accordion folder, iPad, writing utensil and textbook.
- Respect each of your fellow students and myself. This means staying out of their space, allowing them to have their own ideas, which may be different than yours, and helping them when you can.

Grades:

Your grade will be split in this way -

In Geography, these are:

Daily Work/Assignments: 60%

Tests/Quizzes/Projects: 40%

Your grades should never be a surprise to you or your parents. I update grades on our site, RenWeb, very frequently. Please check this frequently to be sure there aren't any errors, and let me know if you believe there may be inaccuracies.

Assignments :

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be offered at teacher discretion at various times throughout each quarter. It will be added to the category of the teacher's choosing, depending on the assignment. It is not required, and not guaranteed. My expectation is that you will complete assignments as the quarter goes along without holding out hope to just "make it up" with extra credit in the last week of the quarter. I do not offer extra credit to individual students at the end of the quarter to 'bump up' a grade.

Missing Class

If you forgot to complete the assignment, you may turn it in the next day for a 10 percent penalty. Ten percent will be taken off for each day it is late. After 10 school days the assignment is worth zero points.

If you are missing from class, you have two class days to make up any assignments you missed. After the two days grace period, assignments will then be marked as if they were late assignments and follow the procedure above.

If you are going to miss school for only part of the day, i.e. sports, dentist appointment, early dismissal, assignments due that day are still due that day. If you are in school that day, all of your assignments that are due that day must be turned in that day or they will also be penalized 10 percent per day late as if it were not completed on time.

If you are going to be gone from school and know about it in advance, I will be happy to get your assignments for you ready in advance. These assignments are due the day you return from your absence. My expectation is if you know you are going to be absent and I prepare those assignments for you, they will be done and you are ready to continue learning when you return. Those assignments are not given the same extension that the ones when you are out unexpectedly do. They are not given 2 days once you return to finish. They will be marked late as per the late work policy.

Geography Textbooks:

Our geography books are totally digital!! We have access to the latest and greatest information and will be in use constantly in our geography class. Since these texts are online, you will need to have a fully charged iPad every day for class and will be able to access your textbook from your iPad or a desktop at home to complete assignments, play games, and do your school work. If you have issues with your internet access at home, you may stay after any day or come in early before school to complete your assignments.

Looking Ahead:

History Day

All 8th graders will complete a History Day project on this year's theme of Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History, which will be detailed at a later date. A complete layout of dates and a school exhibition of projects will take place in November. There will be a school exhibition on February 10th, followed by a regional competition in March in Mankato at MSUM, and a state competition in early May.

Please Contact me with Questions:

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