

# Comparative Cultures and Geography- Mr. Bahm

Class Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/cv.k12.ca.us/cvhsbahm/home>

## Classroom Guidelines and Policies

### Course Description

This course teaches students how geography and culture have shaped, and continue to shape, our lives. Emphasis is placed on the main themes of geography and on those factors that develop cultures: history, art, religion, music, family patterns, ethnicity, race, and technology.

### Materials

A small three-ring binder with paper, and pens/pencils — **you must bring these to class everyday.** If you cannot purchase a three-ring binder, please see me about alternative arrangements. Keep everything in your binder. Spiral notebooks, folders, or a binder with all your classes are not acceptable.

### Class Expectations

#### **1. Always treat fellow students and teachers with respect and courtesy.**

This means no fighting, cursing, name-calling, or put-downs. Respect the personal space and property of others. This rule is vital to having an open, inviting, and safe atmosphere where everyone can ask questions and express his or her opinion without criticism.

#### **2. Be in your seat and prepared to work when the bell rings.**

If you are just coming into the classroom when the bell rings, you are late. Being prepared means having all your materials (notebook, pencils, etc.) and your homework with you. If you have to go get your binder and/or homework after class starts, **it will result in a tardy.**

#### **3. Avoid interruptions and distracting behavior during class time.**

Please raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking out in class. Distracting behavior includes off-topic conversations and getting out of your seat unnecessarily.

#### **4. Participate, stay focused and on-task.**

This means you should do all in-class activities and assignments, and participate in discussions. If you don't understand what to do, raise your hand and ask for help — **there is no such thing as a stupid question.** Working on assignments for other classes is not on-task behavior and not acceptable — please do it on your own time.

#### **5. A hall pass is required to leave the room during class time.**

If you need to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water, please **sign out** on the clipboard and take the hall pass. Only one hall pass will be given at a time. If you ask to leave the room too many times, or take too long outside of class, you may lose the privilege in the future.

### Cell Phones/Music Players

Please turn off and put away cell phones and other electronic devices while in class. If I see or hear them, they may be confiscated for the period. If it continues, the school's cellphone policy is:

First offense: warning, confiscate, student pick-up at end of day.

2nd: detention, confiscate, parent pick-up.

3rd: 1 day suspension, confiscate, parent pick-up

### Cheating/Plagiarism

Students who cheat on an assignment or test, or who plagiarize will receive a zero for that assignment/test. Repeated cheating will result in failing the class. **Don't even think of it!**

### **Late Work Policy**

Missed assignments or tests resulting from ***unexcused*** absences will result in zero credit. For excused absences, previously assigned work is due when you return. For work assigned during an excused absence, you will have the same time to complete it as your classmates who were present. Make-up tests must be completed within a week of your return. **It is your responsibility to see what was assigned/collected if you are not in class.** You can check the calendar on the class website.

### **Tardy Policy**

Three unexcused tardies will automatically result in a one hour administrative detention. After the first three, ***each*** subsequent unexcused tardy will result in a one hour administrative detention. Failure to serve the assigned detentions will result in a disciplinary referral and may lead to Saturday school, suspension, or other consequences.

### **Special Situations**

For unexpected problems or special circumstances, please make time to speak with me before or after class, and we'll work to resolve the situation together. If you think you are being treated unfairly, please see me to discuss the situation. Don't be afraid to express your opinions, calmly of course.

### **Grades**

Grades are based on points earned during the semester. Points are earned from tests and quizzes, class work, homework, special projects, and the final exam. There will be opportunities during the semester to earn extra-credit points, which will count towards your grade.

Grades are based on a scale:

A = 100-90% (of total possible points)

B = 89-80%

C = 79-70%

D = 69-60%

F = Below 60%

### **Contact Information**

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**I have read and understand the above guidelines for this course, and I agree to abide by these policies.**

Student Name (please print):

Parent/Guardian Signature: