

# Honors Geography 2018-2019

## Syllabus for Mr. Thomas

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**Course Descriptions:** This course is designed for students to explore the geography's impact the globe. Students will be exploring the historic, geographic, economic and civic movements that have taken place in the globe. Honor's classes will also analyze primary and secondary sources, graphs, charts, and infographics to determine the impact Geographic themes have on people, nations, government decisions, economic decisions, the environment, changes in culture, and globalization.

**Unit Schedule** (Topics and weeks): Each unit will end with the students taking a common assessment.

First Semester	Second Semester
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction Unit: 3 Weeks</li><li>2. Middle East: 5 Weeks</li><li>3. Africa: 5 Weeks</li><li>4. South Asia: 3 Weeks</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. East Asia: 3-4 Weeks</li><li>2. Europe: 5 Weeks</li><li>3. Latin America: 5 Weeks</li><li>4. North America: If time</li></ol>

**Classroom Guidelines:** (All school rules apply in the classroom)

1. Be on time, with materials, ready to work.
2. Respect yourself and others.
3. No electronic devices are allowed in the classroom without teacher consent.
4. Materials to bring everyday: Computer, notebook paper, and a writing utensil
5. Food and Drinks: Drinks are allowed in my classroom, but they must have a lid. Food is not allowed in my room (except for late busses and health concerns).

### Grades:

1. Grades will be placed into two categories: Summative and Formative Assessments
  - Summative Assessments: Research project final, essays, and unit tests
  - Formative Assessments: Daily assignments, reading questions, hyperdocs, rough draft, quizzes, and current events task.
    - ***Summative Assessments will equal 50% or more of the student's total grade***
2. The district grading scale will be used

## Assignments:

1. Research Project: Each semester honors students will conduct a research project. The project will include an essay and a class presentation.
2. Unit Project: Honors students will also complete an additional project for each unit. The unit projects will be individual or with a group, require research, and a presentation.
3. Book Study: Honors students will also complete a book study during the second semester. It will take several weeks to complete, and in-class reading will be built into the schedule.
4. Assignment Styles: Assignments will vary from tests, quizzes, writing assignments, projects, current events, and hyperdocs. \*(You will be watching short video clips on some assignments, please bring earbuds/headphones to class if you have them)
5. Writing Assignments: All writing assignments will be given with a rubric for the students to follow. All writing assignments must follow these guidelines
  - Turned into teacher electronically (Through Classroom)
  - Double Spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. Font and 1 inch margins
  - Must include a work cited page using MLA documentation, and in-text documentation (Honors Only).
5. Current Event: Students will be required to complete a current event assignment every other week. *This task will be completed as a timed read/write*. The current event needs to pertain to the unit/region of current study. Students are asked to provide a summary of the article and make connections to the major themes of Geography.

## Classroom:

1. **Google Classroom**: This course will utilize Google Classroom. Classroom will be used to distribute reading, learning activities, assignments, quizzes, and a place for students to submit their work.
2. **Feedback**: I will provide feedback on formative assessments and summative. Please use this feedback to make corrections and improve.

**\*Mr. Thomas reserves the right to change, modify, revise or improve any part of the curriculum to include all materials provided to students, as dictated by academic need.**