Syllabus for World Geography

World Geography will be an enhanced study of the various world regions. It will include an in-depth study of countries and their cultures, including art, science, location, as well as the relationships between the various countries. World Geography will develop the analytical skills necessary to be successful school. We will also combine Human Geography to the class. It aims to introduce students to the basic concepts of human geography and provide a geographic framework for the analysis of current world problems. The course develops students' ability to ask geographic questions; acquire, organize, and analyze geographic information; and answer geographic questions.

Textbook: World Geography Today

Supplies for the class: Spiral notebook, pens, highlighters, 1" binder with dividers

Course Outline:

This course outline is tentative and subject to change depending on the progress of the class and school calendar requirements.

1st Six Weeks

Unit 1: Physical Geography

Generalizations:

- -there are many ways the look at the people and places in the world
- -nature can greatly affect our surroundings
- -places have different weather and climate conditions
- -types of plants and animals are found in very different locations

Unit 2: Introduction to Human Geography

- -People live in different places for different reasons
- -Describing a person's "way of life" can involve a variety of things
- -Countries can be very different and very similar
- -The ways of making money and the importance of money can be very different to different people
 - -Resources are much more valuable to certain people than others

2nd Six Weeks

Unit 3: United States/Canada

- Where you live has a significant impact on how you live
- -Statistical information can help us learn more about groups of people
- -Progress can sometimes come with a price
- -Place that have things others want become very important to many people
- -Physical surroundings can have a major impact on a place's characteristics
- -History can have bigger impact on some people than others

***BENCHMARK #1** Week of Oct. 17th

Unit 4: Latin America (Mexico/Central America/Caribbean Nations /South America)

- -Where you live has a significant impact on how you live
- -Statistical information can help us learn more about groups of people

- -Newcomers can greatly change the characteristics of a place
- -Wealth differences amongst people can cause problems
- -The ability to draw visitors is the most important element of any tourism location

3rd Six Weeks

Unit 5: Europe

- -Success will most likely come to those with the most resources in the right location
 - -Location can be the first step to success
 - -Physical features affect where people live
 - -Relative location can change over time

***BENCHMARK #2** Week of Dec. 5th

Unit 6: Russia

- -Success will most likely come to those with the most resources in the right location
- -Culture and identity are created by both physical environment and human decisions
 - -Physical landforms can encourage or discourage human movement
 - -Ideas that produce better results will eventually triumph

FINAL EXAMS

4th Six Weeks

Unit 7: Middle East (Northern Africa/Southwest Asia)

- -Where people live as a significant impact on how they live
- -Having what other people want or need can increase power and influence

Unit 8: Sub-Saharan Africa

- -Where you live greatly affects how you live
- -It is very difficult to recover and succeed after many years of abuse
- -Success often requires overcoming a number of obstacles

5th Six Weeks

Unit 9: South Asia

- Nature as a significant impact on people's lives
- The past has a significant impact on the present
- Strong traditions are difficult to change
- People make a living in different ways
- Both governments and nature can have significant impact on people's lives

BENCHMARK #3- Week of March 5th

Unit 10:East Asia

- -The past has a significant impact on the present
- -People make a living in many different ways

-Technology and environment greatly impact the environment

6th Six Weeks Unit 11:Southeast Asia

- -People want a say in how their lives are run
- -Who you live close to can greatly influence you

EOC/STARR Testing

Unit 12: Australia/Oceania

- -Any place can have different regions with similarities and differences
- -The people who were her before you have an impact on your world today

Final Exams!!!!!