

Ms. Tria
9th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
Global History and Geography
September 2016

COURSE CONTENT

Ninth grade is the first year of a two-year sequence focusing on global history. At the end of the second year of study, you will take a cumulative New York State Regents Examination in Global History & Geography. We will begin this year with a brief review of the origin of humans and human development. We will then move on to the first of the seven major areas of the world to be examined this year—Latin America. Latin America will be viewed from the social science perspectives of geography, history, culture, economics, and politics. The other remaining areas to be explored in similar fashion are Africa, South Asia, China, Japan, Europe and the Middle East. In addition, we will continually look at the relationship of current events to what we are studying about each region and any cross-cultural aspects the regions share.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

The following courtesies will facilitate an environment where learning can flourish:

- *Arrive on time to class. Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. You need to be here to succeed.
- * Bring necessary supplies. Ipad fully charged, notebook, pen, paper, previous night's homework, and your attention are your daily responsibilities.
- *Copy Aim, Do Now, and Homework from the board.
- *Respect each other's diversity and differing opinions. This course is intended to develop cultural empathy, knowledge, and tolerance for others—let's practice these attributes within the class!
- *Be academically honest. Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of another's work as your own—it will not be tolerated.

GRADES

Grades reflect your effort and achievement. Grades will be based on tests, quizzes, homework, class participation, classroom work, individual projects, and group projects.

TESTS AND QUIZZES

The primary testing day for social studies is _____. Tests will be announced at least one week prior to the test date. Quizzes will be announced.

EXTRA HELP AND STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you have additional questions or need some extra help, I am available afterschool on _____.

HOMEWORK

Homework is intended to help you better understand the course material. The assignments must be completed every night, and will be checked every day. Homework is an important part of your grade. Assignments will be posted on google classroom as well as our class website.

If you are absent, you are expected to make up the assignments. If you do not make up the missed assignments, you will receive no credit for them. It is strongly recommended that you get the telephone number and e-mail of a classmate to inquire about work missed during your absence. As well, you are expected to consult google classroom and our class website for assignments.

I look forward to a great year together!