

Procedures and Grading Policy
Mrs. Fernandez
HONORS WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Welcome to Fernandez's World! It is my goal to provide a classroom atmosphere which will allow a free flow of ideas and information between students and allow all students the optimum opportunity to learn. To accomplish this a few rules are needed.

1. Respect ALL people in this classroom at ALL times!
2. Bring your class binder and writing utensils to class everyday!
3. Do not copy or plagiarize. Even if it appears that you are copying you will receive a zero.
4. You are responsible for any and all work that you miss. It is not my responsibility to remind you. A zero will be placed in the grade book if not made up.
5. Respect others' property and school property.
6. Come prepared for class everyday...no free days!

Geography Overview:

Geography is foremost a spatial study of Earth's surface and an examination of the spatial relationship between the physical environment and humans. The goal of this course is for students to gain knowledge about places in the world by examining the natural and human characteristics of various regions along with examining the connections made between places. Additionally, it is a goal to develop the spatial reasoning of students, and their knowledge of the location of places.

This course begins with this foundation unit that bundles student expectations related to the physical geographic patterns in the world and the physical processes that affect those patterns. Knowledge about the earth's physical patterns and processes is necessary for making informed decisions about managing resources, evaluating locations, and predicting future physical changes.

Grading Scale:

Major grades (Tests/Projects)	40%
Daily grades (Daily work/homework)	40%
Minor grades (quizzes/journal/notebook)	20%

MAJOR GRADES:

Major grades will include major tests and projects. This will be a project based class. Students will be given ample time to complete projects. NO late projects will be accepted. If absent, you will have three days to make up any missed test. Tests will not be made up during class time. It is up to you to schedule a time before school to make up a test. Retakes will only be given a grade of 70.

DAILY GRADES:

Daily grades will include any work done in class or assigned for homework. I will accept late work only one day after it was originally due and only if we do not go over it in class. Late work will not be given a grade higher than a 50. You will have 1 day for each day absent to complete any missed assignments. After that it will be considered late.

MINOR GRADES:

Minor grades will include quizzes, journal entries and binder checks. Students will keep a spiral or composition notebook for their journal entries. Journal entries will be checked periodically throughout the six weeks. Please keep these updated and bring to class everyday. Students will be required to bring a binder with them to class everyday. Each student will be responsible for maintaining an organized notebook (binder). An organized notebook will be graded at the end of the six weeks.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1" - 1 ½" 3 ring binder
Writing utensils

Map pencils
Composition book or one subject spiral

Students will be told in advance when additional materials are needed for projects.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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