

Geography – 2017

Edison Academics School

Welcome to World Geography! Geography is a study of how people interact with each other and their environment. This course will explore the basics of geography including spatial terms and location. This class will introduce you to the world's geography and how it shapes cultures. We will be learning about these geographic locations and cultures through a variety of ways including presentations, reenactments, discussions, reading, and writing.

Class Rules

1. **Bring all necessary materials to class and be prepared to learn:**
 1. This includes (but is not limited to): textbook, pen, paper, etc.
 2. If necessary materials are not brought to class and you cannot complete the assignment, you will lose points.
2. **Be on time to class:**
 1. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated and your participation grade will suffer.
3. **Be respectful to classmates and teachers:**
 1. Treat others like adults and I will treat you as an adult
 2. Respect other people's and the school's property with respect. If we are using outside sources or materials, it needs to be returned in the same condition I received it.
4. **Cell Phone/Electronics Policy:**
 1. Some activities will require use of cell phones & electronics; time where phones can be out will be *explicitly*
 2. Cell phones should be put away in ALL other instances should be away (on your desk upside down does not count as being put away)
 3. If I see a cell phone out during a time where phones are not necessary, I will take your phone till the end of class
5. **Obey all school rules as stated in the student handbook.**

Absences & Late Work

Absences will follow the school protocol. For excused absences, it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed and make up the work and getting it in as

soon as possible. All assignments for a unit are due at the end of the unit; no assignments will be accepted after the unit deadline.

Classroom Procedures

Journal:

You will be required to keep a Geography journal. This will be a spiral bound, college ruled notebook. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with all your entries in their correct spot. If kept organized and up to date, this will serve as a great study tool for each test. Please have this journal be for this class ONLY.

Homework:

All assignments are due at the beginning of the period. If it's not complete when the bell rings, it is considered late, and points will be deducted. If the homework will be submitted online, it needs to be submitted before the deadline and the assignment closes. **For online assignments they are due regardless of whether or not you are absent.**

Participation:

Engagement and participation is required. If you are on time and participating on a daily basis, you will receive full points. If you are constantly interrupting and not participating effectively and not coming to class prepared, you will lose some of your participation points.

Bathroom/Leaving Class Procedures:

If you need to leave class, please follow it in a responsible manner. You are not required to raise your hand and ask to leave, but if you abuse this privilege, your participation grade will be affected.

Grading Policies

You will accumulate points throughout the semester and at the end of the semester, your final grade will be your total points divided by the total points available. The grading policy is as follows:

100-90% - A

89-80% - B

79-70% - C

69-60% - D

59% or below - F

Extra Credit Opportunities

Extra credit will be offered based off of what comes up during the semester.

Contacting Me

The best way to contact me is through email. My email address brown@edisonacademics.com. I will likely to respond to emails within 24 hours on weekdays. In the subject of the email, please mention the student's name and period. If you would like to set up a meeting, you are more than welcome to come see me during my planning period (9:15-10:45, Tuesday & Thursday). If this time does not work for you, feel free to email me to set up a meeting time.