

# GRADES 7 & 8

# WORLD GEOGRAPHY

▪ Miss Burdge ▪ 2022 ▪ Semester II ▪

Geography is the study of the “where” of human life. This course, World Geography, gives you an enormous “learned by heart” resource: a confident knowledge of the world’s basic political and physical geography. In World Geography, you will form a mental picture of the world’s spaces, learn ways to talk and think about the world’s geography, and memorize and draw the world’s physical and political features. Throughout your life, you will access these resources; they will provide a framework for understanding events around the globe and how they affect your life and the lives of earth’s 7.9 billion people.

The course culminates with a final project: drawing a map of the world, including its countries and key physical features, from memory.

## AT A GLANCE

**EVERY DAY MATTERS.** World Geography is a cumulative course. This means that the work you do each day builds the knowledge and skills you need for the final project.

World Geography features six units focusing on a continent or region. Within these units, you will become proficient with atlas use and map reading, you will produce and deliver presentations on specific countries, and you will draw a map of the unit’s continent or region from memory. Almost every day, you will practice drawing a continent or piece of a continent. This practice builds memory of each country’s shape and location and of each continent or region’s important physical features.



### Course Calendar

Week 1	Intro to Geography
Weeks 2-3	North America
Weeks 4-6	Europe
Weeks 7-9	Asia
Week 10	Oceania
Weeks 11-13	Africa
Weeks 14	South America
Weeks 15-17	Mapping the World by Heart

## CLASS INFORMATION

<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	M-F 11:22-12:29
<b>EMAIL</b>	piperb@fbep.org
<b>CLASSROOM</b>	814.789.4518 ext. 108
<b>TEXT OR CALL</b>	717.830.6478

## MATERIALS

Bring the following materials to each class:



**BINDER WITH THE FOLLOWING TABS:**

1. Class Notes
2. To Keep
3. Quizzes and Tests
4. Country Presentations
5. Current Unit



**FLASH DRIVE:** File storage for your Country Presentations research and visual elements



**TEXTBOOK:** *National Geographic Family Reference Atlas of the World*, Fourth Edition. National Geographic Society, 2016.

## OBJECTIVES

### IN WORLD GEOGRAPHY, YOU WILL ...

- ★ Recall key geography terms
- ★ Apply the five themes of geography: movement, region, location, interaction, and place
- ★ Interpret thematic maps
- ★ Read maps which vary in scale, symbols, and projections
- ★ Locate places and physical features using both latitude and longitude coordinates and alpha-numeric grids
- ★ Specify places and physical features using latitude and longitude
- ★ Specify places and physical features relative to other places or physical features
- ★ Identify significant land and water features
- ★ Identify selected political features (cities, states, provinces)
- ★ Present summaries of the geography, history, and culture of two selected countries
- ★ Present a digital poster of a major city focused on the five themes of geography.
- ★ Draw, from memory, a political/physical map of the world, including countries and selected water and land features

Significant components of this course are based on *Mapping the World by Heart*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition by David Smith. Tom Snyder Publications, 1999.

## EXPECTATIONS & PROCEDURES

### BELL RINGER

- ✓ Pick up bell ringer exercise from the appropriate folder.
- ✓ Take your seat, with all materials, when bell rings.
- ✓ Update "Practice Time Record" sheet as needed.
- ✓ Complete bell ringer.

### ASSIGNMENTS

- ✓ Many assignments will be timed practice of map drawing or online map drills. Record time spent on the "Practice Time Record" sheet, which must be turned in for grading upon request.
- ✓ Assignments are due at the beginning of the next class unless you receive other instructions from Miss Burdge.
- ✓ Head all papers according to the classroom procedure. Write and circle your student number in the top left-hand corner of every assignment.
- ✓ Staple multi-page assignments in the top left-hand corner.

### BINDER USE

- ✓ All papers must be placed in the correct location in binder. NO papers should be loose in your books, binder, desk, or locker.
- ✓ After each unit, follow Miss Burdge's instructions regarding moving materials to the "To Keep" section.

### RESOURCES FOR PRACTICE

- ✓ Map drills for each continent can be found at [sheppardsoftware.com](http://sheppardsoftware.com), [online.seterra.com](http://online.seterra.com), or [world-geography-games.com](http://world-geography-games.com).
- ✓ Grids for practicing continent maps are available on the shelves in the classroom closet.

## ASSESSMENT & GRADES

- Daily assignments will consist primarily of map drill and drawing practice, with points awarded for the completion of assigned practice times.
- Quizzes will be given on vocabulary, atlas use, geography concepts, and the application of those concepts.
- Tests will be administered after Units 2-7. Tests will consist of drawing, from memory, the current continent or region.
- Country Presentations will be graded on content, organization, requirements for visual elements, and presentation.
- "Mapping the World by Heart", the final project of drawing a world map from memory, will take three to four weeks and will be the ultimate assessment for the course.

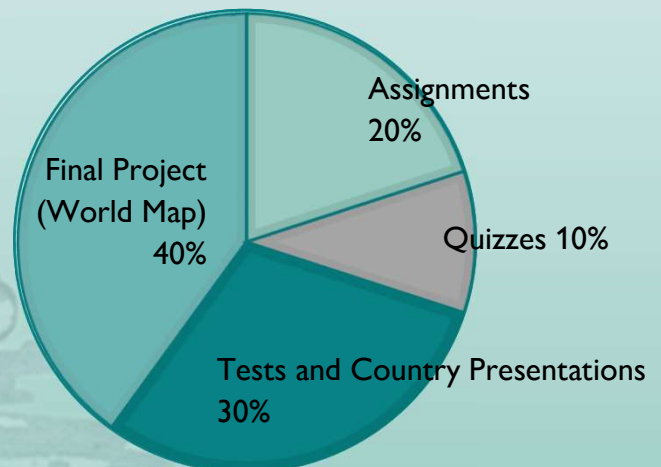


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