**World Cultures Syllabus**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

World Cultures is a required one semester long course that can be taken during a student’s junior year. This class is a people-centered study involving an in-depth look at the world’s major cultures. The study of each of these cultures will focus upon historical and present-day culture and geography, family life and structure, social organizations, attitude on education, religious beliefs and institutions, economic life, political trends, and the intellectual and artistic accomplishments of men and women within the culture. The study of each of the cultures will be supplemented by the development of reading, writing, research, geography, critical thinking, study skills/note-taking, technology use and presentation skills.

**OBJECTIVES:**

* Through the completion of this course, students shall be able to:
* Have a working understanding of various political, economic, social and religious institutions.
* Understand the five themes of geography and their impact on political, economic, social and cultural organizations.
* Understand the seven elements of culture
* Utilize proper study skills that will enable student success in further courses and examinations.
* Analyze social consequences of environmental, economic, political and cultural events.

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

Unit 1: Intro. To Geography and Culture

Unit 2: Africa

Unit 3: East Asia

Unit 4: Middle East

Unit 5: Europe

Unit 6: South America

Unit 7: North America

**CLASS RULES:**

* No Cell Phones
* No excessive leaves of class (ex. Bathroom, drink, nurse, locker, etc)
* No disrespect/bad attitude
* Come to class prepared (notebook, paper, writing utensil)
* All other classroom rules will follow the stated school policies regarding tardiness, absences, and disciplinary measures listed in your student handbook.

**ABSENCES:**

Students are responsible for all class work and are given the same number of days to make up class work as they were absent. Unexcused absences will result in an automatic zero for any class work.

**Late Work:**

I will accept work up to three days after it was due. Every day it is late 10% will be deducted. After the third day, the assignment will turn to a zero.

**GRADING:**

A=90%-100%

B=80-%-90%

C=70%-80%

D=60%-70%

F =59% or lower

**Please read the statement below and sign beneath it.**

***“I have read the syllabus and agree to all stated terms.”***

**Student Printed Name: Student Signature:**

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**Parent/Guardian Name: Parent/Guardian Signature**

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