**Geography**

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**Course Description**

This course combines both physical and human geography in an effort to familiarize students with their physical and human environments. We will begin with the physical world around us and the earth’s systems, moving into analyzing the world focusing upon early civilization, human migration, and political and cultural institutions. The main themes of the course are: Physical Geography, Population, Cultural Patterns and Processes, and Political Organization of Space.

**Course Goals**

**Upon completion of this course students will…**

- understand major concepts in human geography including place, space, scale, and landscape.

- understand the geography of population, the environment, culture, identity, the economy, politics, agriculture, and of cities.

- understand that human landscapes are not only a product of nature, but are constructed by man to support and sustain a desirable outcome.

- be able to interpret everyday landscapes and understand spatial processes that help to structure them.

- be able to develop a keen sense of world events and current issues and why they are important in their own lives, and how they are interrelated with international economy and geography.

- develop an understanding of how their lives are interrelated with the lives of people in other places.

- understand the nature and history of capitalism, and where it is going in the future.

- understand the difference between capitalism, and other forms of distribution of wealth.

**Course Expectations**

- Daily journal/spark assignments

- Daily geography assignment

- Participation in class assignments, projects, debates, etc.

- Completion of quizzes, tests and final

**Grading Policy**

A 90 – 100%

B 80 – 89%

C 70 – 79%

D 60 – 69%

F 59% and below

**Grading Assessment**

Participation/Attendance 15%

Journals 20%

Tests/Quizzes 30%

Activities/Assignments 35%

**Class Rules**

1. Follow Rainshadow’s TERMs (Trust, Equality, Respect, Maturity).
2. All school rules apply in the classroom.
3. If someone causes a problem I will ask them to fix it. If they are unable to do this, I will help them find a solution.
4. Rainshadow supplies your classroom materials. Please treat them with respect (don’t waste paper, take pens/pencils outside of the classroom, etc).