

Course Syllabus

World Geography

Course Description:

In this World Geography class, students will explore all the countries/regions on God’s creation: The World we call Earth. Topics that will be highlighted: each region’s historical journey up to today’s present state, major physical features, and basic demographics. Students will memorize the locations & capitals of all 175 countries, and stretch their inquisitive minds through numerous research projects. In addition, a 3-to-4-week review of our country’s 50 states will be added to the North American unit. This is not a social studies course, but a factual geography study of our world.

Content/Topics of Study:

September – December:

- The Middle East
- North Africa
- Europe

January – Mid-March:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Asia

Mid-March – May:

- Oceania
- Americas
- United States

Listening:

Students are expected to attend and actively listen to teacher and classmates for two 50 minutes sessions.

Writing:

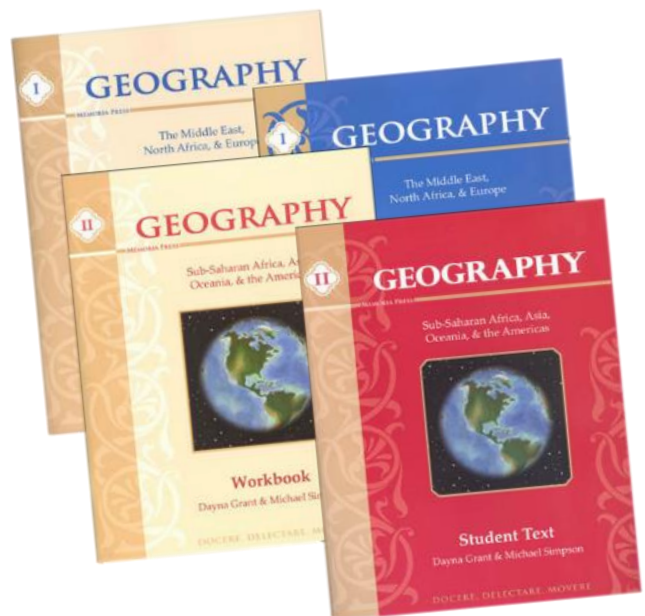
Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate usage and mechanics of grammar and sentence structure with all writings. This includes workbook fun facts and research projects. Cursive is FPA’s mandatory writing style and should be used for all writing assignments unless the teacher’s instructions state otherwise.

Research:

Students are expected to go on their own to find facts about numerous countries for each workbook submission and occasional more-in-depth projects. They can use online or printed resources, but are discouraged from using Wikipedia, other classmates’ writings, and online essay writing programs.

Texts:

BOOKS	BUY BUNDLE
Geography I Text	9781615381241
Geography I Workbook	9781615381265
Geography II Text	9781615382156
Geography II Workbook	9781615381159



Grading:

General Assignments*	30%
Weekly Quizzes*	30%
Projects*	20%
Tests	20%
TOTAL	100%

*At the end of each semester: * Drop lowest score.*

Attendance/Participation:

Attendance to both weekly class sessions is expected. If an absence is expected or occurred, a parent needs to promptly email the teacher an explanation.

Q. During a live-class session, what does “participation” mean?

A. Students respond verbally when called upon, answer poll questions, share facts on the board, post Q & A or Chat messages, etc.

Q. What happens when a student doesn’t participate (respond when called on)?

A. They will be removed from that live-class session. The student logs back-in, types in a quick Q & A note to the teacher, then proceeds to participate. Additional removals will result in parent/teacher communications.

Expectations:

1. Assignment Sheets: You must read the Assignment Sheet at the start of every week. It will list what is due and when. Specific instructions will be stated in the Canvas assignment link.

2. Class Etiquette: You must be respectful of other people. Everyone must feel free to participate and learn. Do not mock or give negative feedback on someone’s answers/responses unless it is constructive/helpful.

3. Submitting Assignments: You MUST submit your assignments through Canvas. Assignments cannot be accepted via email. All written assignments must be done in cursive. All scanned pages need to be merged and saved as one pdf file.

4. Preparation: You MUST come to class ready to share. This means you need a working headset/microphone, textbook & workbook near you, and a readiness to participate when called on.

5. Grades: All grades will appear in your World Geography grade book in Canvas. Pictured icons indicate you have completed the assignment and it is waiting to be graded. All scores that are less than a 100% will have feedback in either an overall instructor comment, corrections/comments directly written on the submitted pdf, comment inside the grading rubric, or a comment listed below a specific question(s) within the quiz.

6. Due Dates: All due dates are listed on the Assignment Sheets located in the Announcements section. There are two dates you need to be aware of: the due date and the close date. You must complete the assignment before the DUE date. All late or missing assignments will receive a zero. If an assignment is open (meaning: no close date is posted) then only students, whose parents have cleared an extension with the teacher, can go past the due date. **Late assignments will not be graded** unless an extension has been granted. All quizzes will close on their due dates, and will only be reopened for approved extensions.