

# World Geography & Kansas History

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## Course Description:

The geography course in the seventh grade will familiarize students with their world using the essential elements and geography themes. Students will develop knowledge about location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. The course will compare these themes across all continents. Students will be able to apply their knowledge to their community, state, nation, world, and themselves. Instruction will also integrate concepts and ideas from history, economics, geography, civics, and the humanities.

The Kansas History course begins with a study of native inhabitants of the land that was to become Kansas. Students will analyze major events, individuals, groups, innovations, and movements from prehistoric days to the present. It will build a connection or relationship between the student and the state. Just like the geography course, this will integrate thinking skills, historical processes, and content so the students can apply their learning to their own lives.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Units of Study:

1<sup>st</sup> Semester Geography- Introduction to Geography, Physical Geography, Human Geography, Geo-Literacy: Human Impact on the Earth and Physical Systems

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Kansas History- Early Peoples, Statehood and Civil War, Kansas: Through the Stars with Difficulty, Progress and Reform, Good Times and Bad, Kansas and a Changing World, and a Modern World.

## Materials Needed:

Students need notebook paper, pencils, & a MacBook. Textbooks will be provided in class and checked out to students if needed.

## Evaluation/Grading:

The students will be graded on a total point system. The focus will be the student's understanding of geographical and historical skills as well as proficiency in the content area. Projects, tests, quizzes, common assessments, homework, and daily activities will be used to evaluate key skills in the Social Studies curriculum. I will use a variety of assessments to evaluate student learning on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.

## Late Work Policy

Students that turn in late work will receive a 10% off for that assignment. Any assignment that is over two weeks late will be given a zero.

I hope you have a wonderful experience in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and I am looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year.

Drew Walters