

**Tokyo International Progressive School
Grade 8, Social Studies Course Outline
2022-2023**

Mr. Jessen-Petersen, Room 24



“Culture is a way of coping with the world by defining it in detail.” - Malcolm Bradbury

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Grade 8 Social Studies Topics Include:

“ Africa South of the Sahara” Physical features, climate regions, history and governments, cultures and lifestyles

“South Asia” Physical features, climate regions, history and governments, cultures and lifestyles

“East Asia and Southeast Asia” Physical features, climate regions, history and governments, cultures and lifestyles

“Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica” Physical features, climate regions, history and governments, cultures and lifestyles

Along with learning different content and concepts, students will learn different reading skills, including: Identifying cause and effect, paraphrasing, identifying problems and solutions, and monitoring and clarifying while reading. Students will also improve their ability to understand and analyze different types of maps, and transfer this understanding to value how maps and borders explain current issues.

There will be tests at the end of each chapter, with typically three tests per quarter. There will be one project per quarter, typically at the end of the quarter to consolidate the learning from the unit.

Textbooks Used:

“Exploring Our World: People, Places, and Cultures”

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:
 - Accordion binder with agenda inside
 - Pencil Case (w/ pencil, pen, eraser)
 - Any related handouts from teacher
 - Water bottle
 - Charged laptop or tablet
 - Headphones
 - Any materials for accommodations (e.g. noise-canceling earbuds)
 - Work due

- Digital copies of the textbook are provided for each student with online access

- Students are allowed to drink closed drink bottles in the classroom. Water and sports drinks are preferred. Cans are not allowed in the classroom. Food is also not allowed in the classroom.

- If a student is unable to complete work by the expected due date, the grade will remain a 0 on Quickschools until the work is completed. The student will have the entire Quarter to finish the work if still unfinished. At the end of the Quarter, the grade will remain and be registered as a 0.

- If a student will require a re-do on their test, please talk with the teacher.

- Each class is broken down into the following time groups:
 - Warm-up = 5 minutes
 - 1st-half of class = 17.5 minutes
 - Optional break = 3 minutes
 - 2nd-half of class = 17.5 minutes
 - Cool-down = 5 minutes

- When in use, laptops will remain on the desk

EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

Grade Category	Percentage of your grade
6P	10%
Quiz	20%
Daily Work	25%
Project	25%
Test	20%

The grading scale for this course will be:

Letter grade	Mark range
A+	97-100
A	92-96
B+	88-91
B	83-87
C+	79-82
C	74-78
D+	70-73
D	65-69
F	64 or below

IMPORTANT DATES

*** Schedule is subject to change**

Assessment	Date
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U7C19 Test	Thursday, September 8th
U720 Test	Thursday, September 29th
U7C21 Test	Thursday, October 13th
U7 Project	Monday, October 24th
U8C22 Test	Thursday, November 17th
U8C23 Test	Thursday, December 1st
U8C24 Test	Thursday, December 15th
U8 Project	Friday, January 19th
U9C25 Test	Thursday, February 16th
U9C26 Test	Thursday, March 2nd
U9C27 Test	Thursday, March 30th
U9 Project	Monday, April 3rd
U10C28 Test	Thursday, April 27th
U10C29 Test	Thursday, May 11th
U10C30 Test	Thursday, May 25th
U10 Project	Thursday, June 8th