

Tokyo International Progressive School
Grade 9, Geography Course Outline
2023-2024

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"History is all explained by geography." - Malcolm Bradbury

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Along with learning more about different regions of the world and related geographical concepts, students will improve their ability to read and understand different types of infographics, charts, graphs, tables, images, slide shows, maps, primary sources, and timelines.

Students will also be able to value the meaning and relationships between location, place, regions, movement, and human-environment interactions. Students will be able to articulate the essential elements of geography, which include the world in spatial terms, places and regions, physical systems, human systems, environment and society, and the uses of geography.

Textbooks Used:

Geography: The Human and Physical World

Textbooks will be uploaded digitally for students to have online access.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:
- Water bottle
- Charged laptop or tablet
- Headphones
- Any materials for accommodations (e.g. noise-canceling earbuds)
- Work due
- Textbook if brought home (Textbooks will remain in class unless student requests to bring it home) (Materials will always be posted online, including pictures of text from the textbook, so students will typically not need to bring the textbooks home)
- Book being currently read

*A numbered copy of a textbook and book will be lent to you. Write your name in it. When you return it, if it is not in usable condition or missing its cover, your family will be asked to replace the book.

- 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.

- Students will be allowed to listen to music in class for certain activities with the teacher's permission. Music must be played from a playlist, and the songs must be free of lyrics (no lyrics music)
- If a student is unable to complete work by the expected due date, the grade will be a 0 on Quickschools until the work is completed. The student and the teacher will set a new due date together. If the assignment is not completed by the new due date, the grade will remain a 0 in Quickschools and will not be able to be changed.
- If a student will require a re-do on their test, please talk with the teacher.
- When in use, laptops will remain on the desk.

Earning Your Grade

Grade Category	Percentage of your grade
Quiz	20%
Daily Work	30%
Project	30%
Test	20%

The grading scale for this course will be:

Letter Grade	Mark Range	Grade Points
A+	98-100	4.0
A	93-97	4.0
B+	90-92	3.5

B	85-89	3.0
C+	82-84	2.5
C	77-81	2.0
D+	74-76	1.5
D	70-73	1.0
F	69 or below	0.0

IMPORTANT DATES

Students will be assessed with quizzes on a bi-weekly basis and progress tests or projects on a monthly basis. Students may also be required to work on longer project assignments involving researching and writing skills. Projects will take several lessons to complete and will be scheduled at least once per quarter.