

**Course Description and Requirements**  
**World Geography**  
**2008-2009 School Year**

**Ms. Rozelle**

***Important Information***

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***Course Description:***

The purpose of this course is to educate students on the main concepts pertaining to cultural geography. Students taking this course will have a greater worldview and a deeper understanding of the impact of culture on one's environment. Students will participate in projects (both group and individual) that will complement the lessons taught in class. This course will focus on reading, writing and presentation skills. This course will be very rewarding and students who come to class will do well.

This course is also designed to help students develop the following skills:

1. Critical/analytical reading skills
2. Vocabulary development skills
3. Expository and persuasive writing skills

***Course Requirements:***

- Each student will maintain a three ring binder with five dividers for notes and all handouts.
- Each student will be held accountable to coming to class prepared and bringing class materials (see *Class Materials* Section)
- Each student will be responsible for making up all work as soon as possible.

Grading Scale:	Grade Calculations Based on the Following:
A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=Below 60	9wks Exam/Final Exam Test/Projects Classwork/Homework Quizes Notebook *Students will be graded according to the amount of points they have accumulated divided by total number of points available per nine weeks.

### ***Attendance:***

Attendance is one of the greatest methods to insure success in this class. Much material will be covered in each class, and there is not enough time for me to go over all that is covered with students who are absent. If you miss a class, go to the make-up notebook to find out what was assigned the following class. Also, verify with the other students that you understand the assignments correctly. It is your responsibility to find out what you missed that day. If you should have any questions after checking with a fellow classmate, feel free to e-mail me.

*The following is an excerpt from the District's Attendance Policy*

Any student who misses more than (4) days during one grading period must meet **both** criteria below to be eligible for a passing grade (A-D) in that course:

- The student passes the required comprehensive quarter exam or the required comprehensive project in the course. A comprehensive exam or comprehensive project will be given to all students in all courses for each grading period
- The student has an overall passing grade in the course for the grading period.

### ***Tardiness:***

Students are expected to come to class on time. See Ms. Rozelle if you have any questions concerning this.

### ***Make-Up Exams:***

Students will be responsible for making up exams within 3 days of their absence. However, the make-up exam may be different from the original exam. Students will have to make up the missed exam on their own time.

### ***Grade Recovery:***

Grade Recovery is meant to assist students who have made an effort to be successful in a course but have failed to make adequate progress to meet standards during a grading period. Grade Recovery is not a vested right automatically conferred upon a student who receives a failing grade.

To be eligible for Grade Recovery, a student:

- must have earned a "D" or "F" as a quarter or final grade;
- must have made a good faith effort to timely perform classroom work or have accepted additional assistance offered to them during the applicable grading period;
- must have completed all work that was missed due to a violation (or a sanction for a violation) of the **Student Code of Conduct** and must comply with the attendance policy as determined in the **School Board Policy Manual**: File: JH (2) "*Missed work shall be made up for all absences; a day of make-up work shall be allowed for each day of absence, when appropriate, pursuant to the Student Progression Plan Appendix D. Each student shall receive full credit for such work.*"

- must complete Grade Recovery prior to the end of the following grading period. The time may be extended at the discretion of the principal. Students making less than satisfactory progress at any point during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter must begin immediate recovery and must complete that recovery prior to the end of the school year, unless the principal determines that an extension of time is appropriate; and
- must not have engaged in plagiarism or cheating specifically identified by the teacher which resulted in the unsatisfactory grade.

*Following information is cited from the Duval County Public Schools 2007-2008 Student Progression Plan*

In order to participate in Grade Recovery, a conference must be arranged in which the student, teacher and parent/guardian discuss and plan a method of action to aid in the student's success. If there are any further questions regarding this, please speak with Ms. Rozelle.

**Class Materials (to be brought to class *everyday*):**

- 3-ring binder with five dividers
- Blue or black ballpoint pens
- Sharpened pencils with erasers

**Computer Usage:** A computer is available in the classroom for student use during appropriate times. A student must first get permission from the instructor to log on to the computer. Computer must be used for **academic purposes only**.

Ms. Rozelle's Class Expectations and Procedures:

1. Courtesy and good manners are expected by all. Do not talk out of turn and respect the answers and opinions of others. Do not leave your seat while class is being conducted. If you need to get a bathroom pass, wait until an appropriate time to talk to me. Each student is given two bathroom passes per 9-week quarter.
2. You are expected to pay attention and be actively involved in lessons; sleeping is not permitted.
3. We will have some guests/visitors in our class from time to time... your best behavior is expected.
4. Come prepared! Bring your texts, paper, writing utensils, etc!
5. Re-admit slips need to be placed on my desk before class starts; otherwise I will assume your absence was unexcused.
6. Homework and dates of tests are always posted on the board, be sure to check it when you enter class. In addition, if you are absent, check the notebook to find out what was covered in the class prior. Once again, it is your responsibility to keep up with class assignments.
7. All work must have your name and class period written on the top right hand corner. All work must be neat and legible. Any work that I cannot read will be marked incorrect.

**Parent Initial \_\_\_\_\_**

Duval County Public School Guidelines require parental permission for students to view materials that carry other than a “G” rating. In this course some of the videos that appropriately address the topics presented in this course have a PG-13 rating. If you have concerns or questions about videos shown in the class, please contact me.

Please select your choice by checking and signing the bottom.

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission is granted to view PG-13 and lower rated videos relating to the course.

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission is granted to view G rated and non-rated videos relating to the course.

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission is declined for all videos relating to this course.

I have read, understand and agree to follow the expectations that are stated for Ms. Rozelle’s Cultural Geography Course.

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Print student name                      Student’s signature                      Date

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Print parent name                      Parent’s signature                      Date

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Parent Home Number                      Parent Work Number

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