Walsingham Academy  
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Geopolitics  

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1. Text  

Geography: Realms, Regions, and Concepts – 15th e  


2. Course Description: This course is designed to serve as a foundation for the study of geopolitics at the secondary school level. Beginning with the concept of the state and concluding with international regional studies, students will explore major concepts of geopolitics by synthesizing elements of history, geography, economics, political science, and sociology in one curricular framework. The goal of the course is to provide secondary school students with a greater awareness of international politics and America’s role in the international system. By focusing on geo-politics, student will explore the connection between the natural world and the human world and examine ways in which geography has influenced politics at the international level. Current events will factor into daily discussions and supplement the course curriculum on a case-by-case basis.  

3. Course Requirements:  
   Bring to class everyday  
   • I-pad  
   • Text  
   • Pen / Pencil  
   • Open mind  

4. Evaluation  
   • Tests and Quizzes: 50%  
   • Projects / Essays: 30%  
   • Work (Homework and Classwork): 10%  
   • Participation / Conduct: 10%  

Each assignment is worth a number of points. At the end of each quarter, a student’s points are added up and divided by the total number of possible points. Each percentage will then be weighted according to the above criteria.
5. Content
   I. Framework of Instruction
      • Political Science
      • Physical Geography
      • Human Geography
      • Macroeconomics
      • World History

   II. Key Regions under study
      • North America
      • Europe
      • Russia
      • Southwest Asia and North Africa
      • South Asia
      • East Asia
      • Southeast Asia

6. Attendance Policy:
   a. Come to class everyday ready to learn something
   b. If you miss a day, check SPA for notes, activities, and assignments missed
      i. You are still responsible for making up all missed work
      ii. All missed work should be submitted the next day you are in school
      iii. If possible, submit work online via email or drop-box
   c. If you miss a quiz or a test, you MUST make it up as soon as possible, preferably the very next day you are in school. Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
   d. If you are late to class you must have a pass. If you do not have a pass, tardiness will result in demerits and recorded on SPA.

7. Technology
   - The use of technology in class is at the teacher’s discretion. It can be a wonderful tool in the aid of research, writing, and communication, but a handicap if relied on too much.
      o If any outside source is used to complete any assignment, proper bibliographic information must be included at the end of the paper / assignment. Otherwise, the work will be considered plagiarized. It is considered plagiarism to cut and paste material from the internet into your own work.
      o You are responsible for all spelling and grammar, not the computer. Spell-check is great, but make sure you verify.
      o Computer difficulty and/or error is not an excuse for a late assignment or a late communication – save your work in several places.
      o School staff is not responsible for printing your work. If you do not have access to a printer, set up a time with office personnel to have it done before the assignment is due.