

**Individuals and Societies 8th grade  
World Studies**

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**Course Description:** In World Studies, students will explore world geography using the study of culture, history, citizenship, government, economics, and current events. Students will use skills such as civic participation, economic reasoning, geographic inquiry, geospatial technology, and historical inquiry. We will focus on the reading, writing, research and presentation skills necessary for high school success.

**Course Objectives:** The following units will be covered throughout this course:

- Intro to Geography & Mapping
- The Americas
- Model UN
- Africa
- Middle East
- Asia
- Europe
- Oceania

**Course Expectations:** Students in World Geography are expected to showcase Anthony's 4Rs. Respect, Readiness, Responsibility, Relationships

**Class Materials:**

- All students will need: folder, a notebook (1 for each semester if possible), pencils, and their planner.

**Grading Policy** (including making up late and missing work)  
Students will also be assessed on 4 MYP Criteria: knowing and understanding, investigating, communicating, and thinking critically using a 0-8 scale

Letter Grade	IB Score	%	What the Grade Means
A	8	95	Exceeds Expectations
A-	7	87.5	Exceeds Expectations
B	6	75	Meets Expectations
B-	5	62.5	Meets Expectations
C	4	50	Meets Some Expectations
C-	3	37.5	Meets Some Expectations
D	2	25	Meets Few Expectations
F	0 - 1	0 - 24	Meets No Expectations

If a student is absent it is her/his responsibility to collect their missing work. Late work receives a 50% deduction. All late work is due at the mid-quarter and the quarter. NO homework can be made up after the current quarter ends.

**Assessment:** Grades will be based on effort and mastery in the following areas:

- \*Class Assignments \*Homework \*Document Based Questions (DBQ's) \*Projects \*Papers \*Tests and Quizzes \*Cornell Notes \*Discussions \*Presentations

**Parent Portal**

Assignments are attached in the Gradebook of the Student and Parent. Research links can be found on my website accessed from the Anthony Home Page-Departments-Individuals & Societies-Ms Stuart.

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My child learns best when \_\_\_\_\_

Something I'd like my child to learn about in World Studies \_\_\_\_\_