Welcome to SPHS and World Geography! My name is Mrs. Quarles, and I look forward to getting to know each one of you. To be successful in this class, do not procrastinate, and take advantage of class time to complete assignments. If you do this, there will be very few times you have homework this semester. Be sure to check announcements in Canvas each day just in case I have to convey need to know updates / information. (Setting up notifications for Canvas to your email will also help you stay on top of this.)

**Textbook**:

*Geography Alive! Regions and People*

I have provided the chapters of the textbook online on Canvas. It can also be found on my Teacher Website, [www.dawnquarles.weebly.com](http://www.dawnquarles.weebly.com). Click on Honors World Geography and select the appropriate unit from the drop-down menu.

**Required Materials**:

* #2 pencils (***If you need to borrow a pencil that is fine, but please do not break it apart and leave it on my floor. That is disrespectful to the personal finances I use for your benefit in this class***.)
* If you want to use a pen, please use **blue or black ink**
* 1” or 1.5” binder (This needs to be a dedicated binder as you will turn it in on the day of notebook checks and might not get it back until the next class day.)
* 3” x 5” index cards

**Content of the Course**:

Throughout the semester, we will be studying a variety of countries and cultures. The following is a tentative agenda for the semester. We will spend approximately two weeks on each unit. At the end of each unit students will be tested. All assessments will be cumulative in nature based on units and culminating in the semester exam that will include material from the entire semester. Students will also be responsible for exhibiting an understanding of each of the World Geography Performance Standards.

**Bonus Points**:

* Completion of the unit study guide will result in 10 bonus points on the unit test.

**Grading Scale**:

Summative Assignments 71% (Ex: Tests/ Projects)

Formative Assignments 29% (Ex: Quizzes, Graphs, CW, HW)

Final Exam 20% of overall grade

**Class Rules**:

Rules are very simple in my class. You are expected to be ready, respectful, and responsible. That means you need to be on time for class, have your assignments ready to go, participate in the class, actively listen to other people when they are talking, refrain from cursing in class, and be accountable for your own actions and decisions in this class.

**Late Work**

You will have 3 LATE PASSES per term.  You have 5 SCHOOL DAYS to turn in late work without penalty.  **Once you have used your late passes, late assignments will receive a zero**.

If you have a problem with a due date, speak with me in advance. Completion of the [Google Late Work Form](https://forms.gle/x1bGNBKKNLNZTDSp8) required for the work to be graded/ given credit.

**I will not accept any late DLD current event writing assignments.**

**Unit Breakdown and Content**:

*Unit Tests*

Each unit will consist of a vocabulary and map quiz, a film/ documentary test, one content quiz, and a cumulative unit test. As the unit tests progress, you will see that they grow in length. This will be due to looping questions to help you prepare for the Midterm and Final Exams for the class. You will be allowed to use the front and back of a single 3” x 5” index card on the unit tests only to hold any information you think you will need.

*Poster Project –* Each student will be assigned a summative poster project that will be due August 31st. My advise is to go ahead and get started on it.

*Vocabulary and Map Quizzes* will include specified areas based on the unit content as well as specified bodies of water, deserts, and mountains.

Unit 1- Introduction to Geography

* Unit 1 Geoterms
* Map quiz- continents/ regions and oceans of the world

Unit 2- United States and Canada

* Unit 2 Geoterms
* Map quiz 1- all 50 states of the US and major landforms / waterways
* Map quiz 2- the provinces of Canada and major landforms / waterways

Unit 3- Latin America

* Unit 3 Geoterms
* Map quiz- all the countries of South America; will also include Mexico, the Caribbean, and Haiti

Unit 4- Europe and Russia

* Unit 3 Geoterms
* Map quiz- all the countries in Europe and Russia

Unit 5- Africa

* Unit 5 Geoterms
* Map quiz- all the countries of Africa and Madagascar

Unit 6- Southwest and Central Asia

* Unit 6 Geoterms
* Map quiz- all the countries of Southwest and Central Asia (including specified island countries)

Unit 7- Monsoon Asia

* Unit 7 Geoterms
* Map quiz- all countries for this area of Asia as well as specified island countries

Unit 8- Oceania and Antarctica

* Unit 8 Geoterms
* Map quiz- all countries for the area (mostly islands) as well as Australia and Antarctica

*Unit Assignments* – each unit will have a notebook check that will include unit bell ringers, Map Challenge, vocabulary crossword puzzle, and chapter questions.

*Current Event essay* – You will be responsible for 4 current event essays following the directions/ rubric provided.