

# Cultural Geography B Syllabus

**Mr. Ehlke**

**Course Goal-** Students will learn map skills by interpreting a variety of maps. Students will locate countries, cities and geographical features worldwide, specifically and relatively. Students will examine the five themes of geography and the seven elements of culture. Students will learn how their lives are directly related with people around the globe. Students will examine how past conflicts have shaped the world around them today. Students will gain an understanding of cultures from around the globe.

**Introduction-** Cultural geography is the study of cultural and physical diversities within world cultures. The topography, culture, history, politics, religions, economies and currents events of each of the following areas will be examined. These areas include: The Middle East, China, South Asia, and the Former Soviet Union.

***Text: None (Internet resources & Magazine resources will be used rather than a traditional text)***

## **Course Outline**

### **The Middle East (8 weeks)**

(Islam, Women & Islam, Terrorism, Stereotypes, US Middle East Policy, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel & Palestine)

### **Unit 3 “China” (3-4 weeks)**

(History, Rise of Communism & WWII, Communist Effects today, China in the world today, Impact of China’s Economy)

### **Unit 4 “South Asia” (3-4 weeks)**

(History, Religions & Philosophy, Caste System, Gandhi, Hindu Muslim Conflict, India & Pakistan today, Afghanistan)

### **Unit 5 “The Former Soviet Union” (3-4 weeks)**

(Era of the Czar, Rise of Communism, Impact of Lenin & Stalin, Collapse of USSR, Russia in the world today)

### **Unit Structure-**

1. **35% Tests and Quizzes** Scores will be based on objective tests from the readings, lectures, class materials, and map activities.
2. **25% Assignments and Class Activities** Scores will be based on total points from assignments, homework, and class activities.
3. **20% Projects** Scores will be based on total scores from unit projects.
4. **20% Participation** One participation point will be given each day of class. You must be in class to earn the point. You must arrive on time. You must be actively engaged in the class activity.

### **Student Expectations-**

1. You are responsible for being in class on time.
2. You are responsible for bringing materials to class. (You will not be allowed to go to your locker during class)
3. You are responsible for keeping classroom materials in good condition.
4. Each student is responsible for keeping track of their own materials. You will only be given one copy of an assignment. If you lose your first copy, you are responsible for obtaining a second copy.
5. You are expected to be respectful and courteous toward other class members.
6. No cell phones
7. iPods are ok as long as they do not interrupt your work or disturb those sitting around you

### **Materials Needed-**

1. Pen (Pencil on days of exam)
2. Notebook
3. Folder
4. Any materials needed for the specific day

### **Responsibility-**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING YOU MISS WHILE ABSENT FROM CLASS FOR ANY REASON! When you return to class YOU must find out what you have missed from me or a fellow classmate. You have one day for each day missed to make up an assignment or exam.

### **Attendance-**

Unexcused absences will result in a 0 for a day. Remember, you must be in class to earn participation points.