**Geography A**

**Mr. Meyers**

**So what is this class all about?**

This course is designed to cover a broad spectrum of topics relating world geography. Throughout this course we will be studying maps, physical geography, weather, history and culture, populations, as well as governments and economies of areas around the world.

The specific regions of the earth that we will be examining are Europe and Russia, Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific.

**How do I get an A?**

***Scale:***  97-100 A 87-89 B+ 77-79 C+ 67-69 D+

94-96 A 84-86 B 74-76 C 64-66 D

90-93 A- 80-83 B 70-73 C- 60-63 D-

< 60 is failing

***Quizzes, Tests and Classwork:***

Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. Periodically quizzes will also be given on materials being covered in class or on labs we have performed. If you are absent the day before a test and that is the only day you have missed you will take the test on the scheduled day. Further absences will be dealt with individually. If you are absent on the day of a test, it is your responsibility to find time to make it up within a reasonable time from the date the test was given. Some sort of class work usually will be assigned each day whether it is a worksheet, writing assignment, or hands-on activity. If an assignment is given in class you will be given ample time to complete it during the class period. You rarely should have homework other than studying for test and quizzes. However, if the class does start to pose a problem for you read over your notes every night and if all else fails come to me. I will be more than willing to give extra help.

***Late Work:***

I understand that for many school isn’t the only thing going on in their life. So I do accept late class work. BUT – the assignment will be counted as ½ of the original credit. This means that you cannot pass the class without turning in assignments on time. Turn in your assignments. These scores help your grade if you aren’t a great test taker.

**How do I act in this class?**

***Absences / Tardies:***

Students will receive one day to make up work for each day they have missed (excused absences only), after that the work is late. It is the responsibility of the student to ask to get all work/assignments you have missed. In other words, you seek me out, not the other way around. After 3 tardies a detention will be given. Every tardy after that will also result in a detention.

***Behavior / Participation:***

I expect everyone to treat EVERYONE with respect. This includes any teachers and school staff who may be in the classroom, as well as other students and most of all, yourself. Respect includes proper language, listening, participation, and following directions. If problems occur you will get one warning, after that I will ask you to leave the class. I will not argue with you. If you would like to discuss a problem, before or after class is a great time. If you are asked to leave the class you can also expect a detention. You must come prepared to class. This includes any supplies, books, assignments you may need during the class period. School wide rules are to be followed and are posted by the door. Disrespect = detention. Graffiti = detention etc. In other words you are in charge of your fate in this class.

***Hall Passes:***

Passes are for emergencies only. Do not ask me to go at the start or end of class; you are expected to go during the time allowed during class period change. Do not interrupt me if I am talking to the class as a whole to ask if you can use the bathroom. You are expected to ask at appropriate times when it will not interrupt the class.

***Cheating:***

If you are caught cheating you will automatically receive a 0 on that assignment and/or test. No exceptions.

***Food and Drink:***

No food or drink is allowed in the classroom. This classroom is a science room and it is not sanitary for any food or drink to be consumed. Water will be allowed.

***Parents:***

If you need to contact me for any reason please feel free to contact me through e-mail. My e-mail address is nmeyers@marlette.k12.mi.us. Progress reports will be sent home frequently through e-mail. I will get back to you as soon as I can. Thanks!

***Materials:***

Note book just for this class

Book

Pencil

***Website:***

Please check out my website for more information on all of my classes. All notes will be posted here along with other information. www.mrmeyersmarlette.weebly.com

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**1st Assignment of the Semester:**

Return this sheet signed by yourself and your parent/guardian by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I have read and gone over this syllabus to have a better understanding of what is expected of me.

Students Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hour \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have seen and read over this syllabus with my student.

Parents / Guardians Names \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_