<u>Course Description:</u> The course is designed to give the student an opportunity to experience all aspects of the cultures of the people from Africa and Asia. We will explore the following topics: geography, brief history, government, economy, religion, and social characteristics such as art, food, music, and family life.

Graded Items

Your grade will be decided by totaling up the points you accumulate from the activities and assignments listed below:

Quizzes:20 ptsTests:80 - 150 ptsIn class writing:5 - 10 ptsHomework:10 - 20 ptsGroupwork:5 - 20 ptsProjects:50 - 200 pts

Classroom Expectations: PBIS

Brave – Listen to the staff and maintain your personal space

Respect – Be on time, be polite, and use appropriate language

Accountable - Be prepared, be honest, do your own work, use electronic devices As Permitted

Victorious – Do your best work, celebrate success in the classroom

Enthusiastic – Be positive, take ownership of your learning

Academic Integrity:

- 1. Take pride in your own work
- 2. Use technology as directed by your teacher
- 3. Manage your time for success
- 4. Do not assume the assignment has no value
- 5. Do not copy work from another student
- 6. Do not share test information with classmates

Required materials:

- World Cultures text (handed out week 1)
- 3 Ring binder with a folder, or notebook... *I don't allow iPads for notes!*
- Pens, pencils, extra paper...I do not supply paper or writing implements

Suggested Items:

- Email address (set up a free account thru Google or Yahoo)
- Flash drive (saving computer work, when we get the laptops or go to the media center)

Suggested iPad Apps:

- o Socrative, (leaf with a blue background labeled student)
- EduCreations,
- PicCollage,
- o Good Notes or some other notebook app if you want
- o Pages, Keynote, Word, PowerPoint
- o iMovie
- o Prezi
- QRReader free for iPad
- o Ouizlet
- o Aurasma
- Google Drive

Preliminary Course Outline

August/Sept/Oct:

- Course Introduction
- Geography Review
- Beginnings of Civilization(Egypt, China, the Middle East, and Ancient Greece)

Nov/Dec:

- World religions shaping cultures
- Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Judaism, and Christianity

Jan/Feb.

- African Geography
- North African tribes/civilizations
- African Coastal States
- South African tribes

March/April

- Ancient Greece
- Government Systems
- Economic Systems
- Imperialism (History/Impact)

May

- Complete Imperialism
- Modern Day Issues
- Travel Project/Presentations

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