



Journey Middle School

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7th Grade Geography

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/3343 Parent Communication: I will utilize emails in Powerschools so please make sure your contact information is updated in the system. Classroom Communication: A link to a live weekly agenda will be posted in schoology and provided to parents early in the semester for you to be able to check what we are doing in class. Please note that this could change abruptly given changes in schedule at school etc.
Textbook Information	National Geographic: World Cultures and Geography <i>Textbooks will be used as a supplemental resource in the classroom and will not be checked out to students.</i>
Course Description	9 Weeks Course In this course students will increase their knowledge about the physical and human nature of the world and about relationships between people and their environments. Students will study Earth as a physical object, and a place in which humans live. Students also study geography in the context of economics, civics, and politics, history, and culture.
Course Objectives	During this course students will describe the world in spatial terms using maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies. Students will determine how regions are used to describe the organization of the Earth's surface. Students will compare geographic patterns of Earth's physical, cultural, and economic systems. Students will be able to organize geographic information using the five themes and six essential elements. Students will be able to respectfully engage critically and constructively in a dialogue of ideas through class discussion, small group assignments, and project-based learning.
Course Outline	9 Weeks Course: Unit 1: The World in Spatial Terms Unit 2: North America and South America Unit 3: Europe

	Unit 4: Asia Unit 5: Africa Final Project *This is subject to change.
Classroom Expectations	1. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per JMS policy. 2. Come prepared for class. Bring all necessary supplies, including homework. 3. Respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself. 4. Listen and follow directions. 5. If it's not yours, don't touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. If you break something of mine, be prepared to replace it. This also applies to school technology. 6. Follow all school rules. 7. The teacher dismisses the class, not the bell.
Progressive Discipline <i>(JMS Policy)</i>	Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral
Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i>	Middle School 60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation) Testing Days: Tuesday / Thursday
Late Work Policy	Late work will be accepted for up to 1 letter deduction until the end of the unit. After the unit ends, late work will be accepted for up to a 3 letter grade deduction until report cards for that 9 weeks are finalized. Late work will only be accepted after the student completes the https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiV9NR8-FfMrG9jod7XVXnUB3G8q6dYyKIU3pcmgMKvqh0zw/viewform?usp=sf_link online. No assignment will be accepted until this form is completed. Students need to talk to Ms. Carpenter about late work and determine a new due date if necessary.
Make-up Work/Test Policy	Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate, or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests). Many times, missed quizzes and tests can be made up during school.
Technology	Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.
Accommodations	Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents.
Materials & Supplies	Students will need to bring these items to class each day. We may not need them every day, but students need to be prepared with them each day in case they are needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Subject Spiral Notebook or 1 inch binder with filler paper (student preference) • MCS Device and Charger • Glue Sticks

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Homework	Students are allotted time in class to complete assignments. In the event that a student is absent or does not finish during class time, they will need to complete the assignment for homework.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	<p><i>Please fill out the Google Form acknowledging that you have read through the syllabus and understand the expectations of the classroom.</i></p> <p>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-qH1t0AGsnWaW7Ww43RIA6ZDklkCj7zrI7nUhrULuH_lXw/viewform?usp=sf_link</p>