

The Ten Commandments of Student Responsibilities

World Geography Class Syllabus - Mr. Cordes

- 1 Thou shalt bring materials and supplies to class everyday! Materials include notebook, lined paper, colored pencils, and pen or pencil! Reports will be required to be typed or written in ink!
There is to be NO cell phone use in class unless otherwise allowed for learning geography. Cell phone use while someone is presenting or talking in class is rude and impolite.
- 2 Thou shalt be in your seat by the time the bell rings, otherwise it is a tardy! The fourth tardy will warrant a discipline referral being given during each quarter grading period.
- 3 Thou shalt sit in the seat assigned on the seating chart! The seating chart can be changed at any time!
- 4 Thou shalt turn assignments in on time! The reason why students fail the class is due to NOT turning assignments in and on time! Assignments can be turned in with late penalties. Five percent off for each school day late. **Please monitor the class website continually!**
- 5 Thou shalt know what assignments are missed due to absences! It is your responsibility to find out what assignments you have missed! You can find out from another reliable student, from Mr. Cordes, the school website, or the assignment white board.
- 6 Thou shalt make up assignments when having excused absences within a certain time period. If you are absent one day, then you have one day to make up the work! Two days absences would require the work to be made up in two school days, and three days being absent would require three school days to make up the work! If you are absent more than three days in a row, then Mr. Cordes will set up a reasonable schedule to get assignments turned in.
- 7 Thou shalt print or type at the top right of each assignment your first and last name, the name of the assignment, and the date the assignment is due to be turned in.
- 8 Thou shalt respect school property and the property of others at Prescott High School!
- 9 Thou shalt be courteous at all times in class! History is a subject where we can have good discussions and debates. This can only happen in an atmosphere of understanding and respect for the viewpoints of all students!
- 10 Thou shalt not infringe upon Mr. Cordes's right to teach or other student's right to learn!

GRADING

Grades will be based on a point system. The total number of points one accumulates during the quarter grading period will be divided by the total number of points possible! Example: 800 points accumulated divided by 1,000 points possible equals .80 or 80 per cent.

Points can be received by doing the following:

- 1 completing and doing well on assignments,
- 2 taking tests,
- 3 completing reports,
- 4 taking part in classroom discussions,
- 5 and having excellent citizenship in class.

Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100%
B = 80 to 89%
C = 70 to 79%
D = 60 to 69%
F = below 60%

Your overall semester grade will be determined as follows: first quarter grade will equal 40% of your total semester grade, the second quarter grade will count another 40% of your total semester grade, and the remaining 20% of your grade will be based on your semester final test score.

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit can be received, but no more than 50 extra credit points will be given during any nine weeks grading period. If a student wants the opportunity to receive extra credit, that student first needs to see Mr. Cordes to see what can be done for the extra credit. **Extra Credit will not be offered until all assignments are turned in!**

OFFICE HOURS

Mr. Cordes will be available in his classroom on the following days and hours.

Mondays and Wednesdays 7:20 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

***There will be exceptions due to school meetings. Those exceptions will be posted in the classroom.

WEBSITE

The website address for World Geography is cordesjunction.weebly.com, which can be accessed directly or through the PHS school website.

World Geography Parent Letter

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome your Son/Daughter to World Geography class for the 2020 spring semester. The course of study is World Geography. There are a number of items that I want all parents to be aware of for the spring semester with your Son/Daughter being in my class.

- 1) Please use the Cordes Junction web site to know what the lesson plans are for World Geography and when assignments are due. ***One can go to the faculty directory on the PHS home webpage and then go to Kelly Cordes and then click onto webpage. One can also access my webpage by typing in the following web address in your browser's address bar: www.cordesjunction.weebly.com***
- 2) In my class we do a lot of geography assignments throughout the year that require colored pencils. Each student needs a small box of colored pencils along with a three-ring binder with lined notebook paper. Please, no spiral bound notebooks as papers are hard to put back into such a notebook once those papers are removed.
- 3) Also on my website are a list of rules, grading procedures, and an outline of the course for World Geography class. Students will not need to check out a text book. Student notebooks will become their textbooks.

I wanted you to be aware of the class syllabus and I hope your Son/Daughter has a most successful spring semester. I look forward to having Him/Her in class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at school or send an email. I do prefer emails at kelly.cordes@prescottschools.com. To be sure that you are aware of this information, I am asking you to sign on the parent/legal guardian signature line below.

Sincerely Yours and Thank You,
Kelly Cordes

(cut or tear along the above dashed line)

Student Name (please print)

Student Email Address

I am aware of the above information and also the rules and grading procedures in my Son/Daughter's World Geography class for the 2020 spring semester.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address
(All email addresses will be kept strictly confidential! Returning this signature slip is a ten point assignment!)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature