

8th Grade Geography

- * Five Themes of geography
- * Map skills
- * Develop understanding of social, political & economic issues
- * Current events
- * Culture

CONTENT OUTCOMES

- A. Geography themes & terms, map reading, longitude and latitude. (2 weeks)
- B. United States of America (2 weeks)
- C. Australia (3 weeks)
- D. Japan (2 weeks)
- E. China (5-6 weeks)
- F. India (3 weeks)
- G. Middle East (5 weeks)
- H. Africa (6 weeks)
- I. South America (5 weeks)
- J. Mexico (3 weeks)
- K. Antarctica (1-2 weeks)
- L. CNN Student News podcast/Current Events (year round)

COURSE PROJECTS

SkyJack: Middle East terrorist/hijacking simulation
Country posters
Geography terms flash cards
Boomerang
Indian elephants
Chinese name painting
Chinese food day
Mexico day of dead
Tangrams

GRADING POLICY

Tests
Daily Work
Homework
Quizzes

Final Exam
Current Events
Participation

**Grades are based upon a total point system

90-100% = A's

80-89% = B's

70-79% = C's

60-69% = D's

59% and less = U's

EACH UNIT WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING:

~Government

~Economics

~Physical Features and Climate

~History

~Physical and Political Maps

~Culture- (customs, traditions, food, art, education, music, religion, general attitudes, greetings & gestures, visiting, family, marriage, recreation, holidays, language, commerce, transportation, communication and health)