



# Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

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## World Cultures

2014-2015

### Course Description:

Utilizing the Five Themes of Geography, Seventh Grade World Cultures will focus on several different regions of the world.

In addition, we will examine the various cultural aspects of people around the world. Material World and Hungry Planet are two units, which will assist in the cultural exploration of our global world.

Current Events will also be an integral part of the seventh grade curriculum as students are encouraged to keep abreast of local, national, and global issues.

### Course Content:

Five Themes of Geography

Asia

Middle East and North Africa

Africa South of the Sahara

Latin America

### Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Students will be presented information in many ways including handouts, textbook/s, articles, web research, etc.

We will also use the *Social Studies Techbook: World Geography and Cultures* from [discoveryeducation.com](http://discoveryeducation.com). Each student will receive a personal login and password to access these materials.

### Course Requirements:

Assessments, current events, projects, and homework will contribute to the quarterly grade. Assessments will be given periodically throughout each unit. Study guides will be provided to the students as well as posted on this site.

Students will complete one formal current event per month. Rubrics detailing assignment requirements will be distributed to students. These rubrics will also be made available on this site.

Projects will be assigned periodically and detailed rubrics will be given to the students as well as posted on this site.

Homework will be given periodically throughout the school year. Homework will be graded for completion of the assignment. Students will be given all possible points for completed assignments and partial credit for partial completion of the assignment. If the assignment has not been attempted the student will not receive credit.

Materials needed for this course are as follows:

- \*Notebook (composition book or 1 subject spiral notebook)
- \*Pocket Folder
- \*Pencils

Grade Components/Assessments:

All assessments will be graded based on the average of the total points earned/total points possible.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
<b>Midterm</b>	<b>10%</b>
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
<b>Final</b>	<b>10%</b>

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no required summer reading assignments.