

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography: Western Hemisphere

## Ms. Christensen

**Textbook:** Geography: The World and Its People Volume 1

### Class Goals

The main goal of this class is for students to build an understanding of the cultural and social development of human civilizations, in the western hemisphere. We will cover the 5 Themes of Geography: location, place, human environment interaction, movement and regions, and learn how to apply them as we study the western hemisphere. As we study we will also be working on our map skills.

### Class Expectations and Consequences

The following are Ms. Christensen's classroom expectations.

1. Treat others with respect.
2. Be on time, ready to work with all supplies.
3. Follow all directions (Both written and verbal)
4. Do your own work. Cheating gets you a zero.
5. Use technology appropriately.
6. All district and school rules will apply.

**\*\*Remember that not following the rules will result in loss of participation points and repeat offenders will receive calls home. In extreme cases parent/student/teacher conferences will be held.\*\***

All discipline will follow the Preston Junior High discipline policy; you are responsible to know this.

### Supplies

- A binder with 5 tabs
- Notebook or loose-leaf paper
- Pen and Pencil
- Colored pencils
- Other supplies may be needed for projects

### Grading

The class will be based on a point system. Classroom activities will be worth various points, depending on how detailed the activity is. All projects and tests will be worth 100 points. When projects are assigned they will be accompanied with a detailed rubric. Grades will be posted to PowerSchool, please check this regularly so there will be no surprises come the end of the quarter and semester. After an assignment is turned in it, it will take 2-3 days to have grades entered into PowerSchool. Grades will be assigned according to the district handbook. Extra credit will be offered periodically through the semester, but extra credit will not change your grade more than one grade step (example a B to a B+). Also, there will be 5 points awarded each day as Participation Points. Participation Points can be lost for violating the classroom rules and not being prepared.

The grading scale is:

A 100-94%	B 86-84%	C 76-74%	D 66-64%	I Incomplete
A- 93-90%	B- 83-80%	C- 73-70%	D- 63-60%	
B+ 89-87%	C+ 79-77%	D+ 69-67%	F 59-0%	

### Make-up/ Late Work

Make-up and late work will be accepted. Any assignment that was due the day the student was absent will be due the day they return. All make up work must be turned in within two days for full credit, unless other arrangements are made. If make up work is not turned in within the allotted days, it will then be counted late. It is the student's responsibility to gather all make-up work. Late work will be accepted with a grade reduction, for each day late the assignment will lose 10% of the total possible points up to 50%. Late work will be accepted until the end of the quarter. Students will be reminded when the quarter is ending.

Because unforeseen things come up each student will be given two Uh-Oh's per semester. These can be used to turn in late work for no grade penalty on homework assignments. Uh-Oh's do not work on tests or projects and do not allow the assignment to be skipped. If the Uh-Oh's are not used, they can be turned in for extra credit at the end of the semester. Each Uh-Oh is worth 5 points of extra credit at the end of the semester, however you must have the Uh-Oh in your possession to get the extra credit.

Also, large assignments and projects are due on the due date. If you know you are going to be gone make sure the assignment is turned in before you leave. If you miss a work day on the project it is still due on the due date. If you are sick/ absent you may email/ share your assignment to my school email address, which is listed below under **Contacting Ms. Christensen**.

### Bathroom/Hall Passes

Each student will be given four bathroom/hall passes per quarter. If the bathroom passes are not used they will be worth 5 points each at the end of the semester.

### Contacting Ms. Christensen

I will be in my classroom 30 minutes before school and until 4:30 in the afternoon, to answer questions or for conferences as needed. Please feel free to call the school and leave a message and I will return the call as soon as possible. The school's number is (208) 852-0751. My email address is [jessica.christensen@psd201.org](mailto:jessica.christensen@psd201.org), I check my email regularly. If you would like to meet in person my room number is room 27.

### Unusual Circumstances

In the event that a student has a problem beyond his/her control, which are not covered by this statement, I will meet with the student and if necessary the student's parent/guardian, in order to find a solution.

Signatures agreeing that you have read this syllabus.

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

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Parent/ Guardian Signature

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Date

Contact Information if not already given in PowerSchool

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If there is anything you would like me to know about your student or if you have concerns, please email, call or send a note.

This is your first assignment worth 20 points. It is due Thursday at the first of class.