

Contact Information: morrist@union.k12.mo.us **Course websites:** <http://missmorrigeography.weebly.com> & parent portal

Text information: Textbooks will be checked out to students for the school year. Students are expected to return their book at the end of the year or will be subject to a fine.

Materials: Binder, paper, and writing utensil

Course Description: The Geography course is one-half the required Social Studies program for tenth grade students. Geographers study the similarities and differences among places and humans on earth. The students will acquire an understanding of their place in the world and the forces that have shaped the world in which they live. Students will use reading and writing strategies for the content area, analyze primary and secondary sources, use research and information skills, and actively engage in evaluation, analysis, and synthesis of historical events.

Grade: Your grade will consist of in-class individual, group work, binder, quizzes and tests. Quizzes and tests will be over content covered in class. Students will be allowed to use their binders on most quizzes; because of this, quizzes will not be announced before-hand. It is your responsibility to use the class-time allotted to keep your binder current. There are boxes in the room labeled with period numbers where binders will be kept. If you need more time to work on a binder assignment, you may sign it out and take it home returning it on the next day. Binder checks are random and will occur during or after school. If you take it home, you need to sign out the binder to avoid receiving a zero. Binders are considered in-class work. After a binder check is made, missing assignments will no longer be accepted.

Late work and retake tests--see Student Handbook for more details. Classwork is to be completed in class. Late homework is 50% off. Quizzes cannot be made up. Failed testes can be retaken within two weeks of test date or the end of quarter (whichever one comes first) and the two scores will be averaged together. No late work will be accepted for a unit once it is completed. Copying another student's work will result in a zero.

Electronic Device Use in the Classroom: Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be out during class unless specified by the teacher. Misuse of electronic devices will result in a write-up. If an electronic device is out or you are talking during a quiz or test, it is an automatic zero for your grade.

Grading Procedure: Grades will be based on a point system. **Grading Scale:** Refer to handbook.

Final Exam: The final exam will cover all information covered during the school year to that point. The final exam will count for 20% of your semester grade.

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Expectations: Students are to be respectful when the instructor is teaching course content and giving directions. Students are also expected to be respectful when fellow classmates are speaking in class discussion and group work. It is expected that you are prepared and punctual to the start of class.

Food and Drink: Food and drink, except water, is not permitted in class.

I have read the above information with my child.

Parent Signature:

Student Signature:
