

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Global Studies – 2016-17 – Mr. Wood

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**What is Global Studies?** Global Studies is the study of the geography, history, and culture of the regions of the world. We will explore geography's role in shaping modern civilizations, and we will explore the historical, geographic, and cultural elements related to current regional and global issues in the world today. Throughout the year, students will also participate in Global Classrooms, an international program designed to engage students in simulations related to human rights, peacekeeping and sustainable development. Students will complete one homework project per quarter.

<p><b>Quarter I</b></p> <p><b>Unit 1: Introduction to the United Nations, Human Rights, Governments, and Religions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global: United Nations and Human Rights</li><li>• Global: World Political and Economic Systems</li><li>• Global: The Cold War</li><li>• Global: World Religions</li></ul> <p><b>Special Unit: 2016 Election</b></p> <p><b>Unit 2: Introduction to Geography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Geography</li><li>• Mapping Minnesota's Zombie Apocalypse</li></ul> <p><b>Q1 Homework Project: Country Report Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>Quarter III</b></p> <p><b>Unit 5: Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography: Africa Maps and Map Lab</li><li>• Regional: Colonization and Imperialism</li><li>• Global: Climate Change and Water Scarcity</li></ul> <p><b>Unit 6: Monsoon Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography: Monsoon Asia Maps and Map Lab</li><li>• Regional: Industrialization and Economic Development</li><li>• Global: World Energy Issues</li></ul> <p><b>Q3 Homework Project: Global Issues Graphic Novel</b></p>
<p><b>Quarter II</b></p> <p><b>Unit 3: The Americas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography: The Americas Maps and Map Lab</li><li>• Regional: Zika Virus</li><li>• Global: Global Trade</li></ul> <p><b>Unit 4: Southwest and Central Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography: SWC Asia Maps and Map Lab</li><li>• Regional: Israel and the Palestinians (Model UN)</li><li>• Global: Terrorism</li><li>• Global: Women's Rights</li></ul> <p><b>Q2 Homework Project: Model UN Position Presentation and Simulation</b></p>	<p><b>Quarter IV</b></p> <p><b>Unit 7: Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography: Europe Maps and Map Lab</li><li>• Regional: The European Union and the Refugee Crisis</li><li>• Global: Migration and Refugees</li></ul> <p><b>Unit 8: Mount Everest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography: Mapping the Climb from the South</li><li>• Regional: Effects on Nepal</li><li>• Global: The Risks and Rewards of Everest</li></ul> <p><b>Q4 Homework Project: World Travels Group Movie Project (Globe Trekkers)</b></p>

**Assessment:** Students will be assessed through individual assignments, individual tests, individual essays, and through group and individual presentations and projects.

**Homework:**

- Make-up Work
- Home Study for Map Tests and Unit Tests
- One Homework Project Each Quarter

**Skills - Students will develop their abilities to:**

- read effectively and critically for information and to build understanding,
- think critically and to assess ideas with information and evidence,
- understand the differences between and use of primary sources and secondary sources,
- communicate clearly in a variety of styles, making appropriate use of vocabulary, justifying assertions with evidence, developing conclusions and decisions, and formulating persuasive recommendations,
- use maps and tables of data effectively,
- work productively and collaboratively with others