

**GLOBAL STUDIES 9**  
**2017-2018**  
**Mrs. Palmer**  
**Introduction and Course Information**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Global Studies 9 is a challenging course required for graduation. It is the first year of a two-part course culminating in a Regents examination at the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In this course, students will learn about the history and culture of our world beginning from ancient times through the age of exploration and colonization (approximately 1600 AD). Students will develop knowledge of world history, government, economics, geography, art, literature, and world religions. We will also discuss current events as they relate to the history we study.

Throughout the course students will complete several types of assignments, projects, tests, and essays to help reach an understanding of this important historical information. Multiple learning styles are addressed via multiple teaching avenues. Students will use their textbook for reading and homework assignments. We will also gain information via class lectures, podcasts, discussions, online blogging and project work. This is a “hands on” experience for students so as to maximize retention and success!

**GRADES\***

The final course grade will be based on 4 quarterly averages. The grades for each quarter will be graded according to the following weights:

Unit Tests, projects, and essays	50%
Weekly quizzes and notebook quizzes	15%
Homework/Classwork Grade	25%
Classroom Participation/Preparation	10%

\* There may be other announced assignments added at various weights throughout the year.

**CHROMEBOOKS, SCHOOLOGY AND RESOURCES**

Students will be using CHROMEBOOKS, online resources and completing assignments in *Schoology*. We will also be collaborating and submitting assignments by using various GOOGLE applications such as Google Docs, Google Forms, and other Google extensions. As with any use of district technology, students will be required to comply with the Technology Use Policy when using any online applications including but not limited to Schoology. Inappropriate content or downloads will result in disciplinary

action. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BRING THEIR CHROMEBOOKS TO CLASS EVERY DAY, CHARGED AND READY FOR USE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A ZERO FOR CLASS PARTICIPATION FOR THAT DAY.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework assignments are posted every Monday for the week in SCHOOLGY. All students are expected to refer to Schoology daily for assignment information. Homework assignments may include student review of chapter notes and recording the same in their composition notebook. These notebooks will be graded, checked and often used for open notebook quizzes. The notes will be accessed online. Students who do not have internet access at home will be allowed to access the information in school either in the Media Center or in my classroom 9<sup>th</sup> periods.

Homework is due at the beginning of class on its due date. Late homework is not accepted without an explanation and excuse from parent.

## **QUIZZES**

Pop quizzes may be given periodically to test student's knowledge after completion of these assignments. *Students should expect a quiz every Friday.*

## **RESOURCES**

*Mrs. Palmer's website can be an integral asset to the student and parent.* It contains valuable information and tools for success! Please browse the site at [www.akronschools.org/palmer](http://www.akronschools.org/palmer), and visit the Parents Page for regular updates. Some features include:

- **CLASS NOTES** are available for review and download if students need additional copies!
- *Link to Online Assignments in Schoology.*

## **SUPPLIES FOR THE COURSE**

- **Minimum 2" Three ring binder**
- **Loose-leaf paper for class activities**
- **Composition notebook for notes**
- **Yellow highlighters**
- **Black or blue pens**
- **Pencils**

- Headphones
- **INTERNET ACCESS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS CLASS. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY IN THE MEDIA CENTER OR IN MY CLASSROOM 9<sup>TH</sup> PERIODS.**

#### **EXTRA HELP/ CONTACT INFORMATION**

We may be contacted by calling the main office or by email. Extra help is available 9<sup>th</sup> periods and we encourage students to ask questions and seek extra help as needed.

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**ATTENTION PARENTS--PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM LOCATED on my teacher page located at [www.akronschools.org/palmer](http://www.akronschools.org/palmer). This is a homework assignment and must be completed by September 11, 2017.**