

# Geography Matters: World Geography

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<b>Grades:</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Day of Week:</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Time of Class:</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET</b>
<b>Length of Class:</b>	<b>20 weeks</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Fall 2023 &amp; Winter 2024</b>
<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

## **Class Dates:**

**Week 1: Week of September 11**

**Week 2: Week of September 18**

**No classes from September 25 – October 6, 2023 – Jewish Holidays**

**Week 3: Week of October 9**

**Week 4: Week of October 16**

**Week 5: Week of October 23**

**Week 6: Week of October 30**

**Week 7: Week of November 6**

**Week 8: Week of November 13**

**No classes from November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays**

**Week 9: Week of November 27**

**Week 10: Week of December 4**

***Make-Up Days: Week of December 11***

**Week 11: Week of January 8**

**Week 12: Week of January 15**

**Week 13: Week of January 22**

**Week 14: Week of January 29**

**Week 15: Week of February 5**

**Week 16: Week of February 12**

**Week 17: Week of February 19**

**Week 18: Week of February 26**

**Week 19: Week of March 4**

## Week 20: Week of March 11

*Make-Up Days: Week of March 18*

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### **Description of Class:**

“In 2002, 89% of Americans aged 18-24 could locate the United States on a map. That means roughly one out of ten Americans could NOT find their own country. It gets worse. 93% of Swedes could find the United States on a map whereas only 16% of Americans could find Sweden.” ~ National Geographic, 2012

Geography is more than just learning where states or countries are located; geography involves understand the why of a group of people. Geography is a knowledge of place names, locations of cultural and physical features; however, it also includes the languages, religions, economic activities, population, food, political systems and more for each area.

Students need a second device for the first FIFTEEN minutes of class to participate in a KAHOOT game! The second device can be a SMART PHONE, iPad, tablet or a laptop computer. Please download the KAHOOT app. If they do NOT have access to a second device – DO NOT WORRY! I will be screen sharing the game so they can type their answers in chat; however, they won't be “given points” for the winner's circle.

This year long course will take you on a voyage of discovery as we explore the earth. Using interactive games, personal geography interactive notebooks, culture studies, 3-D map creations, ethnic foods, and much more we will embark upon a journey discovering the fascinating world we live in. Thank you for joining us on our voyage!

### **Participation:**

Active participation is essential for maintaining the best learning environment. It is also a fun part of learning. Students are not required to attend classes live, but students who do are expected to engage with the teacher and with each other. Outside of live sessions, students are expected to log on and visit CANVAS to see activities and assignments. The Internet may be used in the class to supplement course content and may be accessed by the teacher during live class lectures or by the student outside of live class meetings for general research or for additional information from such government, organizational, individual, or commercial sites

that may be beneficial to learning, so parental supervision and participation in the learning process is strongly encouraged.

### **Class Approach:**

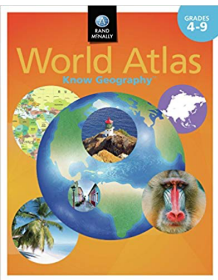
This course is taught using fascinating videos, individual presentations, engaging lectures, individual and collaborative activities in real time with the teacher and with classmates.

### **Textbook:**

Know Geography™ World Atlas Grades 4-9 (Rand McNally Know Geography)

ISBN: 978-0-528-01895-4

[https://www.amazon.com/Geography-World-Atlas-Grades-McNally/dp/0528018957/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=ISBN%3A+978-0-528-01895-4&qid=1580805488&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Geography-World-Atlas-Grades-McNally/dp/0528018957/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=ISBN%3A+978-0-528-01895-4&qid=1580805488&sr=8-1)



Yes, you MUST have this specific atlas as students will need information from this atlas!

### **Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:**

- Three-ring Binder
- 100 Sheets of lined notebook paper
- 8 Dividers
- Pen / Pencil
- Colored Pencils or Gel Pens
- Access to computer
- Access to internet
- Access to printer
- Printer paper
- Printer ink

### **Weekly Homework:**

Students will have no more than 3 hours of homework weekly.

### **Homework Policy:**

It is expected that homework assigned is completed prior to class.

### **Additional Policies:**

One hundred percent effort, honest and politeness are expected in class.

### **Evaluation:**

90 – 100	A	Exceed Expectations
80 – 89	B	Meet Expectations
70 – 79	C	Average
60 – 69	D	Needs Improvement
Below 59	F	Incomplete

### **Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	What is Geography? Why do we need to study Geography? Geographical Awareness Geographical Terms Creating your Personal Geography Notebook Understanding the Expectations of the Class
<b>Week 2</b>	The World
<b>Week 3</b>	North America
<b>Week 4</b>	North America
<b>Week 5</b>	Central America
<b>Week 6</b>	South America
<b>Week 7</b>	South America
<b>Week 8</b>	Northern Europe
<b>Week 9</b>	Eastern Europe
<b>Week 10</b>	Central Europe
<b>Week 11</b>	Southern Europe
<b>Week 12</b>	Western & Northern Africa Introduce Project: A Travel Agent Contest!
<b>Week 13</b>	Southern & Central Africa
<b>Week 14</b>	Middle East
<b>Week 15</b>	Central Asia
<b>Week 16</b>	South Asia
<b>Week 17</b>	Russia (Asia), Mongolia, and the Far east
<b>Week 18</b>	Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand
<b>Week 19</b>	Pacific Island Nations & Antarctica
<b>Week 20</b>	Project Presentations End of Year Jeopardy

