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# Sachem High School East

## Global History and Geography I

Global History and Geography I, or the more commonly used course title, Global 9, is the first year of a two-year course culminating in a **Regents Exam** given to all students at the end of tenth grade. Throughout the course of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade we will study the evolution of World History from the origins of civilization through the Age of Revolutions (1750 CE). In addition to history, we will also focus on geography and several important themes such as social, political and economic systems. Along with the content, special attention will be dedicated to reading, writing, speaking, listening, thinking, and study skills. At the end of this year, there will be a Final Exam. Our primary goal is that students successfully complete this course by demonstrating their abilities to: read and comprehend complex historical text, think critically, and express themselves in writing,

### Course Materials

- Marble Notebook (All Freshmen will be given a marble notebook to begin the year)
- Class Notebook or Binder, Folder, Writing Utensils

### Course/Student Information

Course Website: [www.mrriverashistorypage.weebly.com](http://www.mrriverashistorypage.weebly.com)

- The course website will be updated regularly
- CALENDAR: A monthly calendar will be posted with all pertinent dates and assignments.
- Information regarding homework, quizzes, tests and projects can be found on the website

ESCHOOL/PARENT PORTAL

- All grade information will be recorded on Eschool/Parent Portal. Students and parents BOTH need to check this site regularly for updated grade information.

### Grading Policy

Tests – Worth **55%** of the total class grade

- Unit tests will be given in multiple choice and essay formats
- Each Unit Test will consist of questions regarding information from multiple textbook chapters, classwork and supplemental materials.
- Active participation in class activities is essential to academic success
- Classwork will be evaluated on a daily basis and will count as a TEST GRADE for each quarter

Quizzes – Worth **25%** of total class grade

- Quizzes will be administered on a regular basis
- All quizzes will be noted on the monthly course calendar
- Quizzes will be based on chapter readings, class activities and supplemental materials

Homework – Worth **20%** of total class grade

- Homework will be assigned weekly throughout the year
- Homework calendars will be posted ONLINE at the beginning of each month

## Course Expectations

- From students
  - Be Ready to Work – A serious attitude, effort and dedication are required every day
  - Be Prepared – Students must come to class daily with required materials and assignments
    - Any late assignments will be penalized
  - Be Proactive – ASK FOR HELP! Students should speak to me any time they need further assistance.
  - Be Responsible – It is a student's responsibility to consult with the teacher to make up any missed work due to an absence from class. If work is not made up the absence will be illegal and could jeopardize course credit.
  - Be Honest – Take ownership of your own work. Plagiarism will be severely punished.  
**ALL POLICIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED**
- From parents
  - Be Supportive – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade is a challenging academic year for students as they transition from a Middle School to High School setting.
  - Monitor student progress throughout the year, check eschool and the course website regularly and contact Mr. Rivera with any questions or concerns.
  - Help students develop a system of organization and time management skills
- From teachers
  - Preparation – Development of instructional plans that support and enhance student development throughout the year.
  - Communication – Consistent and open communication with students and parents.
  - Support – A focus on student development and progress in this critical academic year. There are many supports in place here at Sachem East the first being the classroom teacher. If you are struggling, I am here to help-just ask!
  - Professionalism – The teacher is an educational professional with extensive knowledge and experience in both historical content and pedagogy. Students and parents alike will be treated in a manner consistent with the standards of the teaching profession.
  - Commitment – My primary focus each and every year is the intellectual and emotional development of each and every student. I will assist in any way I can to empower each student to achieve their goals.

## Parent Teacher Contact

- Effective communication between teachers, parents and students is essential for student success.
- The course website (<http://mrriverashistorypage.weebly.com/>) and Eschool will be the easiest and most efficient way to find information and communicate.
- **PARENTS – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE COURSE WEBSITE AND ESCHOOL. If you are unable to access the course website please email [mriviera5@sachem.edu](mailto:mriviera5@sachem.edu). For any issues regarding eschool/parent portal please contact your child's AP.**
- I look forward to working together to support your child as we enter this new and exciting phase of their academic careers. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns, the sooner we can address issues the sooner they can be resolved.