Welcome to Honors Global Studies and a great year at Amador! The following are my expectations, grading policies, and guidelines for your class. These will ensure a successful and rewarding year for us as we examine the economics aspects of world in which we live. Please review the course outline with your parents/guardians, and turn it into me by the end of the first week of school.

**Course Outline:**
Required Text: **World Geography and Cultures**
- Unit 1: Welcome to the World We Live In
- Unit 2: Population and Migration
- Unit 3: Ethnic and Political Studies
- Unit 4: Genocide mini unit
- Unit 5: Economic Development, Geography, and Trade
- Unit 6: Climate Change mini unit

**Expectations:**
1. Cell phones must be turned in at the beginning of the period everyday. Students with cell phones in their possession during an assessment (i.e. quiz or test) will receive an automatic "0" grade on that assignment.
2. The quality of your work must be your best possible work-- take pride in it! If I cannot read your writing on an assignment, you will not get credit for the portions I cannot read.

**Grading:**
Grades are posted on the Internet and are updated every week, so you (and your parents) should be aware of your current standing in the class. It is important to **not** wait until the end of the grading period to talk to me about your grade if you are concerned. Grading will be based on the following percentages: (Grades are not rounded up, your grade is what you earn!)

- **100-90% . . . . . . . . . .  A**
- **89.9**-80% . . . . . . . . . B
- **79.9-70% . . . . . . . . . .  C**
- **69.9-60% . . . . . . . . . .  D**
- **59.9% and below. . . . F**

**NOTE:** An 89.9% is a B+. This is a history department standard that I cannot change. **Do NOT wait until the day before the semester is over to try to raise your grade.** Take every opportunity for Extra Credit.

**Participation points:**
You will be assigned a weekly participation grade which will be worth 5 points each week. If you are on task, focused, and participate in class you will earn all 5 points. However, if you are off task, tardy, rude/discourteous, etc., points will be taken away.
Guidelines:

Homework, reading or a written assignment, is usually assigned nightly; it is due at the beginning of the next class, unless otherwise stated.

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to ask me after class for make-up assignments. All make-up work is due the following day, unless you were absent for more than one day. It is your responsibility to make-up your work, I will not remind you.

Statute of Limitations on work in Q: Once an assignment has been posted in Q for 2 weeks, the grade will not be revisited. This means you need to check your grade regularly to make sure that all points have been put in accurately and address any questions immediately.

Tests/Quizzes. If you are absent on a test day then make-up will be offered on a designated day set up by your teacher. You will have two weeks to make-up a test after which time you will take a permanent zero.

All quizzes missed during an academic semester will simply be excused until the unit exam; Missed quizzes will be given the same percentage grade as your multiple choice unit test (before test corrections).

Assignment are due on the due date. Late work within the unit will be accepted for half credit. No late work from previous units will be accepted. If you miss a presentation without notice, even with an excused absence, you will not receive credit for audience participation or for presenting, since I cannot replicate that after the fact.

Plagiarism of an assignment (class work, homework, essay, etc) will not be tolerated and will result in a zero grade on the assignment. Plagiarism is defined as taking someone else’s ideas, writings, etc and passing it off as your own. This is a HUGE deal, and I don’t take it lightly. You will not receive credit for plagiarized work.

Extra credit opportunities may arise throughout the year. Extra credit points won’t exceed 3% of the total points per semester.

I am excited about the upcoming year at Amador Valley and I encourage and invite all of you to come into the classroom and communicate, have an open mind, and have a desire to learn.

I am available for questions or help. Please notify me before coming in so that I can ensure my attendance. I am also available for questions from parents/guardians before and after school by appointment. I can also be reached via PUSD email.
Please fill out this portion of the page and return it for credit.

Mr. Yovino,
We have read and understand the course outline for Mr. Yovino’s Honors Global class. We understand that it is imperative to regularly check grades and attendance on the Q.

We have read this syllabus and understand the course objective, grading policy, and discipline policy.

Student Name: ____________________________ Date: ________

Student Signature __________________________

Parent: ____________________________ Date: ________

Parent Signature: ____________________________

Parents Email (important): ____________________________