**World Geography Pre-AP**

**Addendum**

In addition to the established curriculum, students enrolled in World Geography Pre-AP will also be assigned a book titled “360 Degrees Longitude: One Family’s Journey Around the World“ for outside reading. This book is a true account about (you guessed it!) a family who travels around the world during the length of one year and all of the challenges, trials, and adventures they face while on their journey. It is an excellent book that teaches about the different biases and prejudices that us as Americans have about the world, but most importantly, those that the world has towards us. The book is filled with exciting stories and vivid detail that make you want to keep turning to the next page. I am very excited to share this book with you all!

Here is the Amazon.com description:

 “When you picture yourself quitting your job and going on a dream vacation, four bikes, one moody eight-year-old,

and a precocious preteen may not be exactly what you envision, but for John Higham, his wife September, and their children, its exactly what they had always wanted and saved for. In June 2005, John, September, Jordan, and Katrina packed up and began a fifty-two-week adventure, visiting thirty countries on five continents, and crossing twenty-four time zones. They stayed with friends, strangers, college girls on spring break, and Polish shipyard workers with a penchant for striped boxer shorts and little else. As they made their way across the world, the Highams found out about more than just food and culture; they learned that fish can easily mistake nipples for a snack, that a Chilean mall isnt the best place to get your ears pierced, and that elephants appreciate flowers just as much as the next lady. But more importantly, they learned about each other, and just how much a family can weather if they do it together. Something to read with your kids, your parents, or perhaps en route to your own adventure, 360 Degrees Longitude is filled with funny stories, incredible pictures, and a whole lot of sunshine.”

**READINGS:**

The readings will be assigned a few chapters at a time and students will be expected to do these **outside of class** before the assigned deadline. Students can expect to spend 4-5 hours reading per week. Deadlines for readings will be posted on the online calendar.

**DISCUSSION:**

Class discussion will be had after every reading. Students are expected to come prepared to discuss their thoughts and ideas, this can only be achieved by keeping up with the readings.

**ASSIGNMENTS/ASSESSMENTS**:

There will be assessments for every reading and these will be posted online. Assignments will be assigned for certain readings and these too will be posted online. Students can expect to work on most of these on their own (homework). Due dates can be found on the online classroom.

**FINAL PROJECT:**

After finishing the book students will be assigned a final project where they get to plan their own trip around the world based on what they learned from the book. This project will allow students to freely and virtually explore the world while letting their mind and creativity flow. More detailed instructions will come as the time nears.

Individual books are school property and will be assigned to each student. Students are expected to care for these books as their own and keep damage to a minimum. Book checks will be scheduled periodically to ensure that students still have the books in their possession. Any missing book (whether lost or stolen) will be subject to a fine of $14.36. If a student is missing a book while we are still working with it, he/she must pay the fine promptly in order to be assigned another book. Books will be returned to the school near the end of the year. Severely damaged books will also be subject to fine. Students are also welcome and encouraged to obtain their own copy of the book (new or used). Having your own copy will be beneficial in that you can mark and make notes on it. Amazon.com or Half Price Books are excellent places to look for affordable, used copies.