

Exploring Africa with SCI c/o 2015

Guidelines for Study

We have about a month to cover to the continent of Africa. Below you will find grade and content expectations...

Geography

If we are going to learn about Africa then its essential that we get the geography. We will take a map test at the end of the unit that will include all African states, capital cities from those countries that you have chosen for your focus, and major rivers and deserts. You will be provided a list of the added features. Your test which will be given on exam day, will not include a word bank. There are several online sites to practice your geographical knowledge of Africa.

European Imperialism

There is no way to understand the challenges of Africa without at least a short study of nineteenth century European Imperialism of the continent. We don't have time in this short study to land too long on the issue. But it so dominates the present geography and many of the troubles that Africa faces today, we need to know what happened...I will use Google Classroom Reflections to try to provide you an insight to the issue.

Classroom Maps

Please take a look at the European Maps posted on the Senior cork board on the West side of the classroom. Just by studying the way they change overtime - so many things come to light. Take a good look at those maps, they tell a tragic story.

Individual African States

This will be the key for you in our study of Africa. You are to choose one African state and run with it. Again, I understand we only have a month. But you can learn a helluva a lot in a month. I want you to become familiar with the past and present of your chosen state. You are going to to have to google. You are going to need to read. You are going to be able to articulate to me and to your classmates what is happening in your chosen nation state. The Fishline Timeline assignment will be primary in this study, however you will be expected to keep abreast of events as they occur.

Current Events of Africa

Through Google Classroom Reflections I will try to bring you up-to-date on some of the challenges facing the continent. As you find issues that interest you in regard to anything Africa, please bring them into focus for your fellow students.

Grading Guidelines

Fishline Timeline - CA grade / Exam grade

This will constitute the largest portion of your grade for this unit. It will be your only second semester Common Assessment grade. Consequently, its impact on your second semester will be 25%. It will also count as one third of your Final Exam grade. Due date is currently May 12 - however that is a soft date and we can change it as needed. Make sure that you do a very good job on this project. Check specific Guidelines and communicate with me for your best possible grade on the final version.

Google Classroom Reflections

These will be key in your understanding of the continent. I will provide you periodic media (print, youtube, or audio podcast) that will require your reflection. We will talk about the topics. Each of these assignments will count thirty points. Please look closely at GCR guidelines noted on the blog.

Map of Africa Test

A necessity. Check requirements above. This test will count as a 100 point homework grade and as 1/3 of your Final Exam. It is the only requirement that you will have to perform on exam day. You cannot understand Africa if you do not know where specific countries are located. This will something that you do on your own.

Periodic Homework Assignments

I will give you a few Homework Assignments in addition to GCR to supplement and direct the study of your chosen nation state. These may be in the form of "Africa News Weekly," which is the same thing as Econ's - "Real World Economics" and Government's - "Action Counts Today."

Tuesday / Thursday - Computer SSR

Will be Africa based.

Computer Time - Lot's of it.

When we are not reviewing Classroom Reflections or working on Tuesday and Thursday SSR we will have computer access.

Everything is laid out for your final month. Make sure that you stay on top of unit requirements and communicate with Mr. Wood on various due dates.

Guys...we can learn "A Lot" in a month about a fascinating place!