CGC 1D  
ISSUES IN CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY  
Grade 9, Academic

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| Department: | History, Geography & Social Science  
416 395 3140 x 20130 in room 134 and room 113 ext 20075 |
| Extra Help: | By Appointment, ayjhistory@gmail.com |
| Textbook and Replacement Cost: | Geography in Action, $90 |
| Material Required: | Binder, Paper, Pens |

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<td>This course examines interrelationships within and between Canada’s natural and human systems and how these systems interconnect with those in other parts of the world. Students will explore environmental, economic, and social geographic issues relating to topics such as transportation options, energy choices, and urban development. Students will apply the concepts of geographic thinking and the geographic inquiry process, including spatial technologies, to investigate various geographic issues and to develop possible approaches for making Canada a more sustainable place in which to live.</td>
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| There are five strands in the course:  
1. Geographic Inquiry and Skill Development  
2. Interactions in the Physical Environment  
3. Managing Canada’s Resources and Industries  
4. Changing Populations  
5. Liveable Communities |

A detailed list of the course expectations can be found at: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/canworld910curr.pdf

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<td>To promote student success, ongoing assessment and feedback will be given regularly to the students. A variety of assessment and evaluation strategies will be used in this course, including: peer and self evaluations, tests, essays, debates, quizzes, oral presentations, creative pieces, letters, role plays. Expectations will be evaluated based on the provincial curriculum expectations and the achievement levels outlined in the ministry document.</td>
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Expectations are organized into four categories of knowledge and skills. The categories and their corresponding weighting is as follows:  
Knowledge and Understanding 25%  
Thinking 25%  
Communication 25%  
Application 25%

Each student’s final mark will be in the form of a percentage grade based on their achievement in the 4 categories on the achievement chart. The breakdown of the final mark is as follows:  
Term Evaluation 70%  
Final Evaluation 30%

The final Evaluation will be completed during the final 6 weeks of the course and may include a variety of summative activities including an exam, a presentation, a seminar, or an essay or another writing assignment. In addition to students’ performance in the achievement categories, students will also be assessed on their performance in the following learning skills:  
- Responsibility  
- Organization  
- Independent Work  
- Collaboration  
- Initiative  
- Self-Regulation

For specific policies on assessment and evaluation, and academic honesty, please refer to School Procedures in the student agenda.
DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

Late Assignments
Students must communicate with the teacher in advance if they anticipate that an assignment will be late. Different situations will require specific decisions based on professional judgment. Late assignments will not be accepted after the assignment has been taken up in class or the marked assignment has been returned.

Missed Evaluations
A student who misses an evaluation must submit upon return to class a parental/guardian note or a doctor’s note detailing the reason for the absence. The student may have the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency of the learning expectations at a later date, at the teacher’s discretion. This may or may not be in the same format as the original evaluation. The teacher will determine the time and form in which the evaluation will take place.

Homework Assignments
The purpose of homework assignment is to reinforce and enhance the learning that has taken place in the classroom. It provides students with opportunities for personal growth in independence, self-discipline and resourcefulness.

A student who reviews daily will be prepared for Quizzes, which are often spontaneous. Tests will be announced before they are given. Students who prepare for a test, other than the night before, will have opportunities to seek help if they encounter difficulties. Examinations will cover material that is presented over two to five months.

Essay Format and Citations
- All papers must include embedded citations within all written work and in proper MLA formatting. A work cited list must also be included on a separate piece of paper.
- Refer to Library Website, Citationmachine.net, the MLA Website (MLA generator), or Easybib.com.
- Essays without citations will not be accepted or given a mark accordingly – zero.
- All essays are FORMAL (no I, you, etc.) All essays need to have an ARGUMENT and embedded citations.

Classroom Expectations
1. Respect all people and property. This includes listening to and respecting all members of the class.
2. Bring all texts and supplies (e.g. textbook, paper, pens, & other items) necessary for class.
3. Complete your homework daily.
4. Come to class on time each day.
5. It is your responsibility to catch up on any work that you missed due to absence. This includes any missed tests. You should notify the history office before class and explain the reason for your absence if there is a test or an assignment due. You must arrange a time and place for a make-up test when you return to class.
6. All cell phones, iPods or any other electronic device should not be used in class without the teacher’s permission.