

Over the course of two semesters, each student has the chance to prevent GLOBAL DISASTERS (and maybe even cause a few) through competition and team strategizing. Weekly class time includes geography games, debates, trivia competitions, current news discussions, individual geography projects, etc. This course is designed for beginner and intermediate geography students: providing the foundational social studies concepts needed to analyze global events and topics and to continue to develop a 3-D mental map of global regions and relationships.

Topical overview:

- Fall semester covers Europe, Russia, North America, Middle America and the Caribbean, South America, and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Spring semester covers North Africa and Southwest Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, and Australasia.

Graded assignments: This media-rich course is perfect for students who prefer a social and hands-on learning environment and minimal assigned reading. Students view news reports and documentaries, answer questions about assigned videos, find news items to share in class, complete map quizzes, and present a final semester project.

This class will be *differentiated*. This means that a large percentage of the class assignments and assessments will be individualized for each students goals and learning needs. This will allow students who are less comfortable with reading or writing assignments to learn history via visual mediums, group activities, and personalized projects. Students who are ready for more complex reading/writing assignments or assessments will also have assignments tailored to fit their learning goals.