

## ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Course Name:** World Geography

**Instructor's Name:** Inge Franco

**About the Teacher:** I received my degree in teaching from Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany. I hold a so-called "Staatsexamen for Teaching in Secondary Schools" which compares to a Masters degree in Education. My majors are English and French and I have a minor in Latin. During my student years I tutored elementary students in German, math and social studies. After graduating I taught English and French for two years in Germany. My first teaching job in the U.S. was at Grymes Memorial School, teaching French to Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I took a four year break from teaching after the birth of my two daughters, both St. Luke's alumni. While being a stay-at-home mom, I learned my fifth language, Spanish, through immersion and self-study. This is my sixteenth year of teaching at St. Luke's.

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**Homework-** - Homework is for student practice and self evaluation of material covered. Students are expected to complete all homework assignments. If a student is having difficulty with the homework he/she should contact me before class. Class participation and completion of homework is taken into consideration for the overall grade.

**Course Text/s:** Glencoe World Geography Textbook

**Other Materials Used:**

1. Wall maps
2. Teacher provided maps and cultural handicrafts
3. *The Washington Post* for current world events
4. Videos to support the curriculum

**Units to be Covered:**

1. Themes of geography
2. Earth's features and resources
3. Study of continents and their countries beginning with Europe

**Methods of Delivery:** Discussion, notes, interactive dialogue, individual maps

**Planned Field Trips:** None at this time.

**Learning Goals (i.e. what each student should know and be able to do by the end of this course):**

1. Knows the countries of each continent
2. Understands the cultural importance of religions

3. Understands environmental, political and economic issues of countries studied
4. Knows the important geographic features of each region studied
5. Develops an appreciation for global ethnic and cultural diversities

**Assignments, Evaluation & Grading Policy:**

1. Grades come from a variety of sources-basic map skills such as neatness, labeling and coloring; class worksheets, quizzes, chapter tests.
2. If a homework assignment is not done or is incomplete, the student will attend afternoon study hall according to school policy. If a graded assignment is late, points may be taken off to reflect this.

**Grading Scale:** School Policy

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