Brad Smudde  **Grading Scale**

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|  | A 92.5-100 | A- 89.5-92.49 |
| B+ 86.5-89.49 | B 82.5-86.49 | B- 79.5-82.49 |
| C+ 76.5-79.49 | C 72.5-76.49 | C- 69.5-72.49 |
| D+ 66.5-69.49 | D 62.5-66.49 | D- 59.5-62.49 |

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Area Studies

Welcome to Plymouth High School and welcome to Area Studies. Here is the place where you get to show off your knowledge about the world and learn more about it. This class will show you many different parts of the world you live in and give you tools to become a better global citizen after your time at PHS along with having some fun along the way.

**Units of Area Studies**

Intro to Geography Impact of Population

World Cultures Global Economy

Government and Borders Our Changing World

**Classroom Expectations**

1. **Be Respectful and Open-Minded**- To me and your classmates!
2. **Come Prepared**
3. **Have Goals**
4. **Be Accountable-** For your assignments, projects, and assessments.

**Classroom Policies**

Electronics-

* PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES – BOARD POLICY – 5136. Orange Guide p. 27. Students may use personal communication devices (PCDs) before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), or at school-related functions. Use of PCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited.
* **Cell phones will not be a distraction during class. Students will be warned and if behavior is not corrected I will take the phone for the class period and put in phone jail.**
* Students will also be on task with their lap tops at all times.
* Listening to music will be acceptable during worktime.

Absence- If you are absent it is **your** responsibility tocheck with me if any handouts were given. All work will be posted to google classroom along with paper materials will be found on the back table next to the assigned basket.

Late/Missing Homework- Missing work will be graded as a 0 and marked missing until the work is handed in. Any late/missing work will not be accepted over 1 weeks late for daily work and assignments. For summative assessment if you may not exceed that 2 weeks.

**Graded Classwork**

Summative Assessments- There will be a summative assessment showing your mastery is the material covered. These could be projects, papers, or tests. A large portion of your grade will be made of summative assessments.

Formative Assessments - Periodically we will have formative checks to see your level of understanding of the content. The point of the formative assessment is for me to provide you feedback on your learning. This will have on a daily basis.

Homework and Assignments- There will be graded assignments needed to be completed that may have in-class work time or no class work time. These assignments will be need to be done when you come into class often times the next day to keep the material fresh and to insure the assignments completed.

Participation and Journaling- Class participation is highly encouraged and will be taken into account in grading your soft skills through the semester. You will also have a daily journal that will ask you a question at the start of the class often connected to a video or topic related to our unit of study a throughout the semester you will turn in your journal for a grade.

Current Events- Current events will be done every Friday we have class that will be graded on a 3 point scale showing your ability to pinpoint recent issues in the news that are important to our study of the world. **Everyone will be responsible for completed the assignment, but only a few students each week will present.**

**Key Note**

* We will be using <http://bsmuddeareastudies.weebly.com/> as a homepage for most materials you will need or material we will go over in class. Anything from PowerPoints, assignments, worksheets, and readings will be found there.
* Students will be using google classroom to share most class materials.
* Skyward will be updated often to make sure students are in good standing.