

## 9th Grade History Options

	<b>On Level World Geography</b>	<b>Advanced Academics World Geography</b>	<b>AP Human Geography</b>
<b>Course Description</b>	Gives students a unique perspective about their own culture and physical environment in relation to other places, cultures, and societies.	Gives students a unique perspective about their own culture and physical environment in relation to other places, cultures, and societies.	Explore how humans have understood, used, and changed the surface of the Earth. You'll use the tools and thinking processes of geographers to examine patterns of human population, migration, and land use. (Collegeboard.org)
<b>Homework</b>	2-5 pages of reading homework each week	5-10 pages of reading homework each week	15-30 pages of reading homework each week
<b>Reading Level</b>	Textbook and tests are written for 9 <sup>th</sup> graders	Textbook and tests are written for 9 <sup>th</sup> graders	Textbooks (online and physical), articles, and outside readings are written at a college reading level and questions on the AP test are written at higher reading levels.
<b>Course Structure</b>	Various Units.	Broken into 21 units and takes a more regional approach to the study of geography.	Broken into 7 thematic units focusing on a depth of understanding of each major topic.
<b>Exam</b>	Routine class and district exams.	No national or state test	The goal of this course is for students to take the AP Human Geography test in May with the intent of making a 3 or higher, meaning each student will be taking the AP Exam for possible FREE college credit. *HEB ISD is currently paying for the CB exam.
<b>Grade Point and Grading</b>	Grades are on a 4 point scale and the course will be graded as an on level high school course.	Grades are on a 5 point scale and the course will be graded like a high school Advanced Academics course.	Grades are on a 6 point scale and the course will be graded like a college course. *The course grade and the AP Exam grade are NOT dependent on each other.
<b>Rigor</b>	Manageable Rigor for all students on grade level.	This course is designed to prepare students to take the college level AP World History in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade, so rigor will be increased, but will scaffold students in order to build AP skills needed in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade.	This is a college level class so rigor of reading, discussion, writing, and testing will be higher than at an Advanced Academics level