



George Washington Carver Engineering and Science High School 2019 Summer Enrichment

Social Studies 7- Ms. Kuoch (ekuoch@philasd.org)

Due the first day of school in class

Required Supplies

Binder with three sections (1-inch or ½ inch is best)

Loose Leaf paper

Pencils and pens

This year in Social Studies, we will study geography and world history. The summer project will serve as an introduction to geography.

Directions for summer project:

Write or type your answers these questions on paper and bring a hard copy to class the first day of school. Please make sure you answer these questions on a separate piece of paper (not in a notebook) that I can collect.

Part 1: Make a prediction. Do you think that maps of the world accurately show the size and shapes of countries? Why or why not? Explain in at least 2 sentences.

Part 2: [Watch this video clip](#) (approximately 6 minutes long). Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIID5FDi2JQ> to watch the video clip or search for “Why all world maps are wrong” on Youtube. The video is produced by Vox. Answer these questions in complete sentences:

- A. According to this video, do maps of the world accurately show geography?
- B. What is the “eternal dilemma of map-makers”?
- C. What is one benefit of using the Mercator Map? What was the original purpose of the Mercator Map?
- D. What is one problem with using the Mercator Map? How does it change the size of countries?
- E. What is one benefit of using the Gall Peters Map?
- F. What is one problem with using the Gall Peters Map?

Part 3: What responses do you have to this video? What do you find interesting or surprising from this video? Write at least 3 sentences.