

Advanced Higher Geography – Success Criteria

Formal Assessments:

- ✓ Percentage achieved in Formal Assessments.
- ✓ Areas of strength and areas for development as a result of Formal Assessments.
- ✓ Consistency shown in Formal Assessments.
- ✓ Application of Geographical Skill in assessments i.e. use of Atlas, interpretation of data/ maps.

Geographical Issue (Folio):

- ✓ The time and effort I put into reading a range of sources to select the ones upon which I shall write about in the issues essay.
- ✓ The scope and level of my background reading (secondary sources) on my chosen topic for the issues essay.
- ✓ To what extent I can clearly structure my essay. i.e. Introduction, summary and evaluation of sources and conclusion.
- ✓ To what extent I have a full understanding of the issue selected.
- ✓ To what extent I can successfully summarised and evaluated sources selected in issue.
- ✓ To what extent I can successfully draw and make conclusions on the issue selected.

Geographical Study (Folio):

- ✓ The time and effort I put into reading a range of resources to gain background knowledge about the topic of study.
- ✓ Selecting an appropriate study – creating a question and hypotheses to test.
- ✓ To what extent I can clearly structure my study. i.e. Introduction, Methodology, Analysis, Conclusion (IMAC)
- ✓ Carrying out appropriate fieldwork techniques to gather data.
- ✓ Processing information accurately to analyse results/ findings. e.g. producing graphs and maps.
- ✓ I can successfully draw and make conclusions based on the information gathered throughout the study.

Class/Homework:

- ✓ That I have full and clear notes on all topics covered in the course.
- ✓ I will engage in learning and complete the activities asked of me to the best of my ability.
- ✓ That I meet deadlines for submission and complete outstanding classwork at home.
- ✓ That I respond positively to any advice on homework and try to improve this area.

What will be taken into consideration when deciding on a teacher-estimated grade for Advanced Higher Geography?

- Performance in the Formal Assessment(s) e.g. Unit Assessments and prelim.
- Performance in the informal assessments, which are ongoing throughout the year:
 - Geographical Methods and Techniques booklet.
 - Folio drafts.
 - Practice timed questions in class.
- The estimated grade for the Geographical Issue (based on drafts).
- The estimated grade for the Geographical Study (based on drafts).
- Commitment and Quality in class/homework.