**9th Grade Geography Honors Criteria**

For 9th grade Geography, students who have signed up for Honors will be required to complete several **Enrichment Assignments** per semester. These assignments will be required for all Geography students; however the caliber of work is expected to be above and beyond the rest of the class in order to meet the requirement for Honors. Honors students will be expected to do an extension of the enrichment assignment in order to challenge and deepen their thinking around the content and skills.

**Grading**: Honors assignments will differ from quarter to quarter and will match the Unit of Study being uncovered in that particular Geography Unit. Each of these assignments will be categorized as an **Enrichment Assignment** and will be separated as such in the grade book.

**Planned Geography Enrichment Assignments**: The following objectives will be represented in the Enrichment Assignments and Honors credit will be designated based upon the score of these quarterly objectives:

**Planned Enrichment Activities**

**Quarter 1:**

* Students will create a map of their own landmass while demonstrating their understanding of mapping skills and geography tools. **PWR Standard: Identify and describe historical, social, cultural, political geographical and economic concepts.**
* Students will create projects that demonstrate the cause and effects of extreme weather and natural disasters. **PWR Standard: Identify and describe historical, social, cultural, political geographical and economic concepts**

**Quarter 2:**

* Students will write an essay supported with a thesis on a choice topic from the African continent. **PWR Standard: Build conceptual frameworks based on an understanding of themes and the overall flow of events.**
* Students will research and present their dream vacation while demonstrating their understanding of the various regions of the world. **PWR Standard: Interpret information from a global and multi-cultural perspective.**