

7th Grade Social Studies Syllabus 2015-2016

Welcome!

In 7th grade Social Studies we will be learning about our world through the focus of multiple civilizations and regions of the world. During this course we will be comparing and examining civilizations, events, and topics to help us gain understanding of our place in history, and how history has influenced the world we will live in today. We will be using a variety of methods and resources in our learning including: purposeful reading, writing, and speaking, Cornell notes, independent research, group activities, simulations, and discussions.

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Units of Study

Each six weeks we will focus on a different region in the world. Within the region we will examine influential people, groups, events, and religions. Below are a list of sample topics, subject to change.

1st/4th six weeks: Asia

- China, Japan, India
- Hinduism/Buddhism

2nd/5th six weeks: Middle East & Africa

- Islam, Christianity, Judaism
- ISIS & Current Events
- Significant people: Malala, Nelson Mandela

3rd/6th six weeks: Europe

- Middle Ages, Feudalism, Black Plague, Crusades
- European Renaissance

Additional Student Supplies for S.S.

- spiral or composition notebook (for social studies journal)
- divider section in student's binder for returned work
- silent pencil sharpener (great to have for all classes!)

Materials required everyday in class:

- binder
- planner
- pencil/pen
- social studies journal

Appreciated donations to be used by entire class:

- pencils, glue sticks, notecards, pens, notebook paper, kleenex

Planner

Walker provides you with a planner that is used to record daily activities, due dates, and homework. We will update this daily in class. **Please show your planner to your parents to share and discuss your assignments.**

Absences

When you are absent it is your responsibility to find how what work you missed and needs to be made up. You and I will need to decide and agree upon a due date for this work based on how long you were absent. If you are gone three or more days your parents can call the school or email your teachers to request your missed work. Try to be here everyday! We are a team and learn better together.

Grading

- Your grades are determined at the end of each 6 weeks for a progress report grade and at the end of the semester for a final grade.
- Academic grades will be based on performance on assignments, quizzes, and projects, with an emphasis on assessments. Effort, citizenship, and work habits will be assessed separately from academic grades.

Work Habits Standards

O (outstanding) Work is turned in complete and on time. There are NO missing assignments and student is prepared daily and effectively manages class time.

S (satisfactory) Work is usually complete and turned in on time with few exceptions. Student is usually prepared for class and usually manages time well.

N (needs improvement) Work is often late or incomplete. Student inconsistently manages class time.

U (unsatisfactory) Work is rarely complete or turned in on time. Student rarely comes to class prepared to learn and rarely manages class time effectively.

Conduct/ Citizenship Standards

O (outstanding) Student is always on task and participates with respect.

S (satisfactory) Student is consistently on task and participates with respect with few exceptions.

N (needs improvement) With multiple reminders student is on task and participates.

U (unsatisfactory) Student is rarely on task and/ or rarely participates.

Late Policy:

Late work is accepted and you are encouraged to turn in all assignments to show work ethic and progress towards mastery of skills. When general work is late it cannot be considered exceptional. Therefore, points will be deducted for late work. After one week a grade of C is the highest points possible on general assignments, unless stated in a student's IEP or 504. Major assignments are an exception, and will be graded strictly on assignment and/or rubric criteria. Under this policy, turning in late work benefits your grade, and you will not fail a class because of late assignments.

I am looking forward to a great semester with you! Please feel welcome to contact me at any point this semester if you have questions or concerns. Email is the quickest way to get ahold of me.

-Mrs. Ahrendt