

7 th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

World History and Geography

Room: 1
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Course Description:

Students will study ancient world history including civilizations in Mesopotamia, India, Egypt, China, Greece, Rome, and Mesoamerica. The study of each civilization will include its geographic location, religion, accomplishments, politics, economy, and social structure. By the end of this course students will have a thorough understanding of the ancient world and be able to recognize common themes and patterns between the rise and fall of these different civilizations.

Text Resources:

Textbook: History Alive! The Ancient World, 2017

Curriculum:

The curriculum for this course aligns with the Michigan K-12 Standards for Social Studies.

Schedule:

Unit 1: Early Humans and Rise of Civilization September/October
Unit 2: Ancient India October
Unit 3: Ancient Egypt and Middle East November/December
Unit 4: Ancient China January
Unit 5: Ancient Greece February/March
Unit 6: Ancient Rome March/April
Unit 7: Ancient Mesoamerica April/May
Unit 8: World Religions May

Assessments:

A variety of assessments will be used such as weekly quizzes, unit tests, projects, and semester exams to gauge student understanding.

Grades:

Grades will be updated weekly on Infinite Campus. The grades will be on an A+ to F scale and all assignments and assessments are weighed the same.

All grading questions including those about late work, extensions for special circumstances, or questions about a specific grade require the student to ask the teacher about it before a parent does.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Bring all materials to class daily (see below)
2. Sit down in assigned seat by the time class begins
3. Begin working on the “Bellringer” activity silently once seated
4. No cell phones
5. No profanity
6. Show respect for classmates and teacher when they are addressing the class
7. No food or drinks
8. Do not disrupt the learning of other students

All efforts will be made to remedy classroom misbehavior in the classroom. If the misbehavior is a repeated issue, teacher communication home or with the administration team may be needed to come to a resolution.

Absences:

Upon return to school, students will check Google Classroom and ask the teacher for any missed assignments. Most assignments will already be posted on Google Classroom for the entire class to view. Students will have as many days as they were absent to work on an assignment.

Google classroom will be the primary source of communication with students for their assignments, due dates, reminders, and resources.

Materials:

- 1- Subject notebook, college ruled
- 1.5” Ring binder
- 1 folder, hole punched
- Pencils