**Class Information for Social Studies**

Welcome to the new school year! Let’s make sure that this is your best school year ever by working together towards success!

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| **Syllabus for 7th Grade Social Studies** |
| **1st Nine Weeks** | **2nd Nine Weeks** | **3rd Nine Weeks** | **4th Nine Weeks** |
| * Geography Review
* Historical Thinking
* Brief Review of Ancient History
* Age of Exploration
* Renaissance
* Scientific Revolution
* Protestant Reformation
 | * Colonization
* Imperialism
* Absolutism
* Enlightenment
* Types of Government (monarchy, democracy)
* Revolutions
 | * Nationalism
* World War I
* World War II
* Types of Government (fascism, communism)
 | * The Cold War
* 20th Century
* Globalization
* Review for Common Exam
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**Course Content Standard/Units of Instruction Aligned with Standards:** A complete list of course goals for 7th grade Social Studies can be viewed at **http://goo.gl/ugzHaA**

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| **Grading Policy for 7th Grade Social Studies** |
| **Tests/Projects** | 50% | There is a test or project given at the end of every unit (approximately every 3-4 weeks). |
| **Classwork** | 30% | Class work is work that is completed in class (or finished at home) that is graded for accuracy. |
| **Homework** | 20% | Students homework with consist of at least two CNN Student News assignments a week. Additional classwork and projects will be assigned periodically. |

**Materials and Assignments**

\*Students should bring these materials to class with them every day.

1. Each student will need one 100 page Composition notebook which will serve as their Interactive Notebook. The Interactive Notebook with hold all content for Social Studies class and serve as the students’ textbook. You will also need a two-pocket folder with brads for journals.
2. Students will need a pencil pouch with colored pencils, handheld sharpener, glue sticks/glue bottle, scissors, mini-stapler, pens (blue, black, red) and #2 pencils.

**Homework**

* Homework assignments will be checked or collected at the beginning of class.
* Students will be required to watch the CNN Student News Monday through Friday by visiting [www.cnn.com/studentnews](http://www.cnn.com/studentnews). Some days this will be completed in class. If students are not in class and able to view the news, they are expected to do so at home.
* In addition to watching the daily news segment, students are required to answer questions from the weekly news quiz.

**History Day**

* History Day is an optional out-of-class project. This year’s theme is Leadership and Legacy in History. More information can be found at [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org). This is the only extra credit that will be offered this school year.