

7-1 Social Studies 2016-2017

Welcome to 7th Grade Social Studies! This year we will be focusing on key events and ideas throughout world history. Key concepts of geography, civics and economics will also be stressed this year. Students should come to class prepared and be ready to learn about the history of our world in order to become the leaders of tomorrow.

The units we will study are arranged chronologically focusing on these major time periods:

Quarter 1

Unit 1: The Age of Exploration

Unit 2: The Age of Colonization

Unit 3: Absolutism and Enlightenment

Quarter 2

Unit 4: Age of Revolutions

Unit 5: Industrialism, Nationalism and Imperialism

Unit 6: World War I & The Russian Revolution

Quarter 3

Unit 7: The Interwar Period and World War II

Unit 8: New Nations Emerge

Unit 9: The Cold War

Quarter 4

Unit 10: Human Rights and Globalization

Unit 11: The World Today

Required Social Studies' Supplies:

◇ 1 inch 3 ring binder

◇ Lined loose-leaf paper

◇ Supply of pens, pencils & colored pencils

◇ Index cards

Social Studies' Grading System:

1. Assessments (Tests/Projects/Major Assignments)—60%

2. Quizzes—25%

3. Classwork— 15%

This grade includes daily classroom activities and independent practice. If classwork is not completed during the class period it must be completed outside of the classroom

4. Homework – 0%

Homework is an instructional tool that will be assigned to reinforce new concepts introduced during the school day and to provide review of unit concepts. According to recent educational studies, homework completion plays an important role in improving test scores and overall grades.

Plagiarism, or cheating, is NOT permitted. Refer to LRMS' Grading Policy for specifics.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to meet deadlines as assigned with all assignments due on the date specified. Students will be given the opportunity to make-up a missing graded assignment with a **10% deduction** daily.

Students will be expected to use their student Google accounts

TEST CORRECTIONS are allowed for major summative assessments for grades of 69 or lower; and must be completed **within one week** after students receive test scores back from teacher. The original grade will be changed accordingly after the grading of test corrections, with 70 being the highest grade possible.

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Do not hesitate to email me with any questions on assignments or class expectations!

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