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: Thinking Like a Historian
Unit 2: The Age of Exploration and Global Exchange
Unit 3: Colonization and Global Empires
Quarter 2
Unit 4: Absolutism and Enlightenment
Unit 5: Age of Revolutions
Unit 6: Industrialism
Quarter 3
Unit 7: Rise of World Powers and Nationalism
Unit 8: The Interwar Period
Unit 9: World War II
Quarter 4
Unit 10: Global Society Part 1
Unit 11: Global Society Part 2

Social Studies’ Grading System:

1. Assessments (Tests/Projects/Major Assignments)—50%
   This grade includes long-term major assignments that may require work done at home and will need a larger amount of time to complete. Pacing guides for these long-term assignments will be posted on class website.

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 – 10%
   This grade includes short-term work assigned to be completed at home that is generally short in terms of time required for completion

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 REQUIRED to use their student Google accounts to submit any digital assignment. Work submitted by email or “shared on Google” will not be accepted without individual and assignment specific approval.

TEST CORRECTIONS are allowed on major tests for ½ credit. Corrections must be completed within 2 days after students receive test scores back from teacher.

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

Class Website http://shawlrms.weebly.com/

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*Information is subject to change, if changes occur; you will be notified of the new syllabus.