

# Course Expectations

## **Social Studies 7**

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**Introduction:** Welcome to Social Studies 7! This course is the first in a two-part survey class designed to introduce you to American History. We will explore the people, wars, revolutions, and other political, social, and economic changes that occurred in the United States from before the arrival of European colonists up to the Civil War. We will learn about what was going on before America was America, how the United States was founded, and the struggles and successes of our young nation.

**Materials:** Students will need two red folders with brads. One folder will serve as a daily folder and the other will remain in the classroom for the year to be used as a portfolio folder. A textbook will be provided if desired.

**Assignments:** All assignments will be turned in at the beginning of class on the due date. To receive full credit, the assignment must be completed and turned in on time. If the assignment is turned in late, points will be deducted from the original grade.

**Attendance:** Daily attendance is essential for success. Work assigned on the day of a legal absence will be due one day after your return. Work assigned prior to your absence is due the day you return. Please see me for missed work if you are absent (**Be responsible for yourself**). If a student is absent on the day of an exam/test/quiz, they will make it up the day they return. In the event of extended absences, call the office in order for work to be sent home. Work sent home is expected on dates noted or upon your return. I will enforce school policies regarding attendance and truancy.

**Grading:** Students will be graded on a total points system. Approximately 50% of the grade will be based on the student's use of the learning process and demonstrated effort (classwork). Another 40% of a student's quarterly report will be based on their academic proficiency (tests, quizzes, projects). The final 10% of their grade will be based on homework. All assignments will be graded unless otherwise noted.

**Classroom Expectations:**

- **Follow the Golden Rule:** Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- **Be on time.** You should be in your seat with your social studies folder and writing utensil on your desk ready to begin when the bell rings.
- **Be prepared everyday** (red folder, writing utensil, and current work).
- Be attentive and help foster a cooperative and intelligent learning environment for yourself and classmates.
- Complete your assigned work and study for tests.
- Take care of your personal business before class / between classes / during lunch.

**Websites:** There is a google class for each class period. Some assignments, class materials, and important links will be posted directly to google classroom for all students to access.

**Four steps to success:**

- 1) Come to class everyday (on time and prepared)
- 2) Complete your assignments
- 3) Pay attention and participate in class
- 4) Strive to be your best. If you put effort into your work, it will directly affect your grade.

**Film:** In order to bring different historical topics to life, we will occasionally watch clips from historical films throughout the year. Some of the movie clips are from PG-13 rated movies. These movie clips are chosen with the intent to bring a specific time in history to life. I limit inappropriate content as much as possible. However, I also understand some students and parents may not be comfortable with certain content. If this is the case, please contact me directly so we can make other arrangements.

**Final Note:** I want to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and I look forward to working with you throughout the year. We will have a great year together learning about our nation's history. Please share these class expectations with your parents or guardians.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_