

Mr. HALL, TEAM 3, ROCK QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SOCIAL STUDIES: WORLD GEOGRAPHY and CIVICS {seventh grade}

Welcome! We are learning civics, economics and geography. The content in these courses is going to be on the Alabama High School Graduation Exam and SAT 10 tests that you will take **before** you take Government and Economics in your senior year in high school. Therefore, be an attentive student and participate. Imagine yourselves as legislators, ambassadors, travelers and representatives of your family, community, city, county, state and country.

Plan for success and organize your notebooks every day. Keep up with your assignments and you will be successful in our class. If you follow our notebook guidelines, and you do get behind, it is easy to catch up. **Do not loose this handout!** Place this in the front of you social studies notebook.

GRADING: Our grading is done on a total points' basis. Every assignment that you do could be taken up, graded and added to a total score for a six week period. The majority of our assignments will be tests, class work, homework, participation, and reading. Tests and quizzes will make up approximately 40% of your score. Therefore, if you complete all assignments and participate you should pass even if you don't take tests well. A notebook test of 200 points will also be given at the end of each grading period.

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| TESTS | 100 | |
| QUIZZES | 50 | |
| HOMEWORK | 25* | |
| CLASS WORK | 25* | |
| MINI PROJECTS | 50 | |
| 6 WEEKS NOTEBOOK TEST | 200* | |
| PROJECTS | 100-250 | * approximate |

To compute your average, add all of your points together. Divide the total points you have by the total number of points possible. For example: if you earned 900 points and 1,000 were possible in a six weeks period you would have a 90 average (A-). $900/1,000 = .90$ or A-. **ABCI Grading Scale:** Students at Rock Quarry Middle School are expected to complete all assignments. Teachers are expected to assign high quality assignments that are enriching for student's learning. As a result, we have instituted the ABCI grading system where students will receive an incomplete on all assignments they do not complete. The "I" will be removed when the assignment is completed. We, as educators, that this research-based strategy will enhance the learning at our school.

SOCIAL STUDIES DONATION: If you would like to donate from one to ?? dollars to the social studies department for use in purchasing enrichment activities, computer software, novels, puzzles, games, reference books and other items please bring a check or cash to any team 3 teacher for receipt. Thank you!

PROCEDURES FOR CLASS: (ENTERING)

1. GO TO YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT WITH ALL YOUR MATERIALS BEFORE CLASS. BE RESPECTFULL, RESPONSIBLE AND RESOURCEFULL.
2. SHARPEN YOUR PENCIL **BEFORE** CLASS.
3. RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU NEED HELP.
4. ASK PERMISSION TO GET MAKE-UP WORK; TURN IN ANY EXCUSES.
5. COPY THE DATE, AGENDA AND STARTER INTO YOUR NOTEBOOKS.
6. ANSWER OR COMPLETE THE STARTER ASSIGNMENT.