

Welcome to 7th Grade Social Studies

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

Welcome!! Seventh grade is a year of great significance and change for students and parents. Classes become more demanding and study skills require practice and refinement. This year's material will cover the arrival of the first Americans through the Civil War. The focus will be on the economic, political, social, historical, and cultural development of the United States and New York State.

GRADING:

Grades are calculated by the following:

Tests/Quizzes

Test dates will be announced well in advance, as well as the type of test (multiple choice, short answer, matching etc.), length and topics covered. You will be provided a review to help you prepare, and review sessions will be scheduled before the test.

Quizzes will also be announced in advance.

Document-Based Questions (DBQ's)

Document-Based Questions assess a student's ability to analyze various types of primary and secondary sources. This information is then used to help an essay question. DBQ topics and due dates will vary.

Homework/Classwork

Homework will be given on a regular basis. **It is your responsibility to write Assignments and due dates in your assignment notebook!** If you miss a class because of an absence, lesson, or other reason, extra worksheets can be found in filing cabinet organized by date.

Of course, you will be given flexibility with regards to excused absences.

Current Events Reports

Each student will be assigned one current events report and presentation per quarter. An instruction guide and schedule will be given in advance.

Projects

There will be a variety of individual and group projects throughout the year. Due Dates, procedures, and other guidelines will be given in advance.