Keep this in your binder the entire year



7th Grade Social Studies

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**Teacher: Mr. Goodman Course: Geography for Life**

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The 7th grade Social Studies curriculum is designed to involve you in personal ways as we study Geography. In Geography for Life you will explore the world. Using the themes of Geography established by the National Geographic Society you will be able to grasp both the basic elements of geography and the more advanced concepts of how humans interact with each other and the environment.

This course is guided by the following essential questions:

-What are the relationships between people and their environments?

-What does it mean to be part of a global community?

-What does a geographer do? (In this class you are a geographer and historian)

This course will have the following units:

-The world in spatial terms

-Human and physical characteristics of places and regions

-Physical systems

-Human systems

-Environment and society

-The uses of geography

**Expectations**

1. If the rules are not followed there will be consequences.

* **When you enter class:**

1. Place completed homework in the ***HW*** tray
2. Pick up handouts
3. If you are absent, you will collect missed work from the folders at the door
4. New homework will always be on the board in the same place. Copy it down.
5. Look at the ***Objective*** on the board.
6. There will always be a ***Do Now*** on the board that you will start working on after you copy down the new homework.

* **While in class:**

1. Have empathy! Treat everyone (including Mr. Goodman) and everything in the classroom with respect. Our success depends on our working together.
2. Give your best effort at all times. You are always encouraged to participate in class, work productively with your peers, and ask questions whenever you have them. ***All questions are good questions.***

1. Be on-time to class everyday: Coming to class to drop off your books and then going into the hallway to talk with friends or use the restroom does not count as being on time.
2. Be prepared: Always bring your social studies binder, classwork/homework, and a writing utensil (along with a highlighter) to class every day. I will have a sample binder on display all year to look at. Your binder should have:

-A section of lined paper to take notes. You only have to keep work from the current unit in your binder.

-A section for reference materials Mr. Goodman will give you to use throughout the year (this is one of them)

-A homework folder for holding your completed homework and from which you will take out your homework to hand in when you get to class

1. Other materials, like your textbook, will be required as needed. As soon to be high school students, you may not be allowed to leave the room if you forget your materials.

* **Leaving Class:**

1. I will dismiss you, ***not*** the bell. That means you stay in your seat and don’t pack up until I tell you to, even if it’s a minute or so past the bell.

**HOMEWORK** will be assigned most nights. It is important to understand that many of our homework assignments are part of larger assignments and/or projects. Your grade on these assignments or projects (and in social studies class) depends on the successful and careful completion of homework.

**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS** will be posted on the board and on my teacher webpage. It is **your** responsibility to keep track of the assignments. We will normally go over homework in class. Once we have gone over the homework, you can no longer hand it in and will receive no credit. ***Hand in your assignments on time***!

**ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES & ABSENCE / LATE WORK POLICY:**

1. Students who are sick or absent from class/school **will have the same number of days they were out to complete their make-up work**. Exceptional situations and circumstances will be handled on a case by case basis. Please come talk with me… I cannot help you if you don’t keep me in the loop.
2. As soon to be high school students, it is **your** responsibility to gather and complete any missed work in a timely fashion. Remember to check the ***Missing Work List*** to see if you owe any work and to take an active role in your success!

**Teacher Availability for Students**

If any students have questions, problems, or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to speak with me or arrange a time to meet. I can normally meet after school and am available sometimes before school by appointment. I also have no problem meeting during lunch. **Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.**

**Together we can make this a great year!** ☺

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