

Units We Will be Covering:

Required Text: **Journey Across Time**

Geography
Ancient Rome (Republic and Empire)
The Rise of Christianity
The Middle East: History and Religion
The Middle Ages
Renaissance Europe
Exploration of the Americas
Current Events

- The term *Social Studies* is often misunderstood. For us, Social Studies will encompass a great deal of topics and introduce/build on a variety of skills such as critical thinking, research, organization, writing, and presenting.
- 7th Grade Social Studies will continue to prepare you for a more detailed study of the world around us.

Expectations:

- ***RESPECT YOURSELVES and THOSE AROUND YOU***
- Come to class on time and be **prepared** in your correct seat with your book, notebook/binder, and a writing utensil (you will not be allowed to leave for a locker trip)
 - Keep yourself organized!
- You will need a three ring notebook (for notes, handouts, writing, etc) and an in-class journal.
- You are responsible for your actions and will be held accountable for them.
 - Choose helpful actions: Sit in your seat, Participate, Be Attentive, Listen, etc.
 - Positive Actions = Positive Consequences
 - Negative Actions = Negative Consequences
- Leave distractions outside of class (**phones**, spinners, cubes, toys, etc.)
- ***HAVE FUN! - The atmosphere of this class is largely up to YOU!***

In Class:

- The classroom is an important place that must be treated as such.
- All students will be expected to follow the student handbook and conduct themselves in a way that encourages a high functioning learning environment. If a student chooses to challenge this expectation, he/she may be subject to the following:
 1. 1st instance = Warning (Whistle)
 2. 2nd instance = Warning 2 (Yellow Card)
 3. 3rd instance = Detention with Mr. Egedy and Communication with Home (Red Card)

Homework, Projects, and other Assignments:

- Expect Homework three to four times a week (usually not more than 20 minutes a night)
- ***ALL WORK IS DUE*** at the **BEGINNING** of class unless otherwise specified.
- You may turn in late work. However, habitual late work will lower your Work Habits grade and can prevent a student from being on Honor Roll. Expect a message home if missing assignments are frequent.
- Late work will be accepted until the end of a unit only.
- All assignments are expected to be completed unless otherwise specified. Missing work will be recorded as an M and will be scored as a zero until turned in.
- Please read the included Work Habits Rubric for class.

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| Exemplary | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No missing, incomplete, or late homework assignments per semester • Fully completes required coursework • Always comes to class prepared with book, notebook, writing utensil and other necessary materials • Always uses class time productively |
| Meets Expectations | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <5 missing, incomplete, or late homework assignments per semester • Regularly completes required coursework • Usually comes to class prepared with book, notebook, writing utensil and other necessary materials • Usually uses class time productively |
| Needs Improvement | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-9 missing, incomplete, or late homework assignments per semester • Often neglects required coursework • At least once a week, is unprepared and without book, notebook, writing utensil or other necessary materials • Frequently does not use class time productively |
| Unsatisfactory | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >9 missing, incomplete, or late homework assignments per semester • Does not complete coursework • More than twice a week is unprepared and without required class materials • Regularly unproductive in class |

- See mregedy.org for the current Citizenship Rubric.

What to do when you are absent:

- Please do your best to be in class and on time. There is no substitute for being a part of our daily discussion, notes, and instruction.
- If you know you will be absent in advance, you are responsible for getting your assignment ahead of time. **Our course website is the best place to find all assignments.**
- *I WILL NOT CHASE YOU DOWN FOR MISSED CLASSWORK OR HOMEWORK! YOU MUST CONTACT ME AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAKE UP WORK.*
- If you are absent on or before the day of a test (a review day)...you will make up the test upon your return.

Grading:

- Grades serve as a useful communication tool to quantify student achievement to students, parents, other teachers, etc. The goal of grading is to facilitate student learning and success.
- Standard Grading System: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, 59-50 = F
- All grades (i.e. Homework, Quizzes, Tests, etc) will be AVERAGED together.
- Effort, behavior, attitude, and time on task will be submitted as a *Citizenship* grade.
- Preparation, timeliness, and productivity will be part of a *Work-Habits* grade.
- Large assignments will have a rubric so you will know what is expected.

What do to if you need extra help:

- *ASK ME!* I cannot help if I do not know.
- If you need help before or after school, please ask ahead of time. I will be more than willing to make arrangements with you.

Course Website:

- mregedy.org is an excellent resource to find course materials such as weekly schedules, assignments, review sheets, and important links. Please use the website for finding work you may have missed due to absences.

Student Printed Name _____ Student signature _____

Parent signature _____ date _____