

Social Studies Highlights

World History - Grade 7

What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will explore the following units of study:

- Fall of Empires
- Emergence of New Empires
- Middle Ages
- Beginning of Modern Times
- Meanwhile in the Americas

What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Think, act, and behave just as historians do by developing explanations for their observations, hypotheses, and thoughts through investigating, reading, writing, and sharing
- Analyze and explain the political, geographic, and cultural factors that led to the fall of great empires
- Trace the growth of new empires and their cultural, social, economic, and political characteristics
- Identify important figures and analyze their significance to the development of empires and spread of ideas
- Analyze the effects of various conflicts among Eurasian powers
- Explore how social structures developed during the Middle Ages
- Analyze how the exchange of people, technology, religious and cultural beliefs promoted change in European societies
- Describe how early Americans used and modified their environments to develop civilizations

What families will see . . .

- Engaging digital and printable resources such as interactive simulations, text, reading passages, and video
- Emphasis on collaboration and cooperation as a community of learners
- Children using the Discovery Education Techbook, which is an online resource available anywhere, anytime and on almost any device with an internet connection

How families can help . . .

- Encourage your child to read for pleasure
- Explore your child's writing assignments
- Discuss current issues with your child
- Log-in with your child to the Discovery Education Techbook at www.discoverveducation.com
- Keep open communication with your child's teachers
- Visit the Techbook Student Guide and Troubleshooting tips if needed at <http://goo.gl/i0ioHK>