



SOCIAL STUDIES - MR. FISHEL

This year (SY 2023-2024), we will be working with a wide variety of subject matter under five Social Studies disciplines: History; Geography; Civics; Economics; and Current Events.

- The goal is to include each of these elements, as much as possible, into all of our units of study this school year.
 - Compare & Contrast historical and current events/systems/people
 - Explore geographical influence- past and present
 - Discuss economic and societal factors influencing events/systems/people
 - Make connections and analyze cause and effect relationships

Units of Study

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
A Geographical Review of the Earth	The Middle Ages and the Crusades	American Revolution and American Governments: the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution
Early Man	The Renaissance and the Reformation	New Republics: Napoleonic Wars; Early American Colonial Life and the War of 1812; and Texas Revolution/Annexation
Early Civilizations with the Rise of Agriculture: Mesopotamia; Indus River; Huang He Valley, China	Age of Exploration (Naval exploration/circumnavigation of the world)	Westward Expansion; The Great Awakening; and other Societal Movements. Economic Boom of the West: Railroads; telegraph; Cattle Drives; Mexican-American War; California Gold Rush.
Early Eastern Civilizations: Egypt; Kush; Persia; Israel	European Colonization and Imperialism	American Civil War and Reconstruction
Early Western Civilizations: Greece and Rome	French and Indian War	America Becoming a World Power: Spanish American War and World War I
Mesoamerican Civilizations	American Revolution	Boom & Bust: Roaring 20s; Harlem Renaissance; Jazz; Great Depression; World War II; Holocaust
The Middle Ages and the Crusades	American Governments: the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution	The Cold War Era including Korea and Vietnam; and Civil Rights Movement
The Renaissance and the Reformation	Early American Colonial Life and the War of 1812	Modern Makeup of the World: Fall of Berlin Wall; Persian Gulf War; ; Wars in Iraq; War in Afghanistan; Rise of Terrorism

Social Studies Grading

Quarter grades will be a percentage grade of the following 'Assignments':

1. Participation
 - a. Weekly Class Participation Grade
 - i. Work Completed as directed (includes homework; projects, etc.)
 - ii. Good Effort Demonstrated during all tasks
 - iii. Contributions made to class: discussions; questioning; classroom tasks; etc.
 - iv. Appropriate Behavior maintained
 - v. One point/each daily, for a weekly possible total of 20 points.
2. Projects & Homework to include:
 - a. Art Projects
 - b. Creative Projects
 - c. Summary Slideshows
3. Quizzes to include:
 - a. Formative Assessments
 - i. Daily Assessments such as bell work, exit tickets, etc.
 - ii. Google Classroom Quizzes
 - b. Summative Assessments
 - i. End of Unit Quizzes

Notes:

1. Rubrics will be made available (posted in Google Classroom) for each assignment/activity.
2. Late Work is accepted. Zeroes destroy a student's overall class grade.
 - a. 10% deduction, daily, for any work received received late.

****Students should check in with their Google Classrooms on a daily basis to stay on track in all of their classes.***

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