

# 7th Grade Social Studies

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**Mrs. Garvey**

## Overview:

Geography will familiarize students with their world using the essential elements and geography themes. Students will develop knowledge about location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and regions. The course will compare these themes across all continents. Students will be able to apply their knowledge to their community, state, nation, world, and themselves. Instruction will also integrate concepts and ideas from history, economics, geography, civics, and the humanities.

The Kansas History course begins with a study of native inhabitants of the land that was to become Kansas. Students will analyze major events, individuals, groups, innovations, and movements from prehistoric days to the present. It will build a connection or relationship between the student and the state. Just like the geography course, this will integrate thinking skills, historical processes, and content so the students can apply their learning to their own lives.

## Standards:

1. Students can identify cause and effects of events
2. Students can draw conclusions based on evidence (making a claim and supporting with evidence)
3. Students demonstrate the ability to read, interpret, and analyze a primary source.

### In this class, Students will:

- Be Prepared
- Be Respectful
- Be Engaged
- Work Hard

## Content

### World Geography (Semester 1)

- Introduction to Geography
- Physical & Human Geography
- Geo-Literacy
- Human Impact on the Earth & Physical Systems
- Model UN

### Kansas History (Semester 2)

- Early Peoples, Exploration, & Boundaries
- Statehood & Civil War
- To the Stars Through Difficulty
- Progress & Reform
- Good Times and Bad
- Kansas and a Changing World
- Kansas and a Model World

## Canvas:

Everything you need will be located on canvas. The homepage includes links to important pages & websites used in class. The Daily Schedule shows what we are working on each day. Click on the lesson and follow the instructions to complete daily activities. If there is time left in class, visit the early finishers page.

## What I can expect in Mrs. Garvey's class:

- A variety of learning activities
- Individual and Group Work
- Engaging classroom discussions and debates. This year students will get the opportunity to participate in a classroom Model UN.
- Map Monday: Practice your map skills
- Culture Chats: Learning about cultures around the world
- Fun Time Friday: Class earned reward to encourage team building activities
- Homework Policy: Students will be given class time to complete assignments. If it is not finished in the allotted time, it will be completed as homework.
- LEARNING THAT IS FUN!

## Additional Policies:

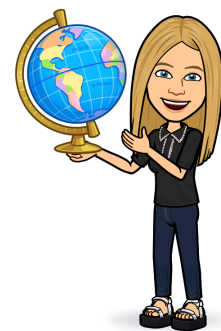
- **Absent:** Please check canvas to see activities and assignments that were completed while absent. Upon return, meet with Mrs. Garvey to make sure you are caught up.
- Come to class prepared and on time. MTMS tardy policy will be used for multiple tardies.
- **CHAMPS:** A classroom management strategy that clearly establishes expectations while creating a positive learning environment.

## Grading:

- **Skyward** - All grades will be updated on skyward by Thursday @12 each week.
  - \* Means assignment is submitted, but teacher is working on grade
  - 0 Means that the assignment is missing
- **Latework:** A late penalty of 10% will be applied to any assignment turned in late. Late work will be accepted until the end of the Unit. Once we have finished the Unit, assignments will no longer be accepted.
- **AI / Plagiarism Policy:** I expect student work to be their own. We will use our computer as a tool to help us research, explore, and navigate through Social Studies - not to complete the assignments for us. Students should do their best and turn in original work.
- **Assessment:** In Social Studies students will be assessed using projects, daily activities, and learning check quizzes.

## About Mrs. Garvey

I graduated from K-State. This is my 4th year teaching 7th grade Social Studies, but my first year at Monticello Trails. I graduated from Mill Valley & am so excited to be back in the Desoto School District. I have 2 kids and 2 dogs. I love to read, run, take pilates, and spend time with my family. Teaching has always been my passion, and my goal is to make learning Social Studies FUN!



We will focus on learning and **not** memorization this year. My goal is for students to find at least one thing they find interesting in Social Studies! I am so excited to work with you. If you need any more information, please check my canvas page or send me an email.