Mission Statement:

To encourage West Middle students in understanding and appreciating the various cultures and ideas that bind us as Americans and to assist students in becoming empathetic Citizens in a Global Society .

NYS SS Learning Standards:
5 Civics, Citizenship, and Government:

- The study of civics, citizenship, and government involves learning about political systems; the purposes of government and civic life; and the differing assumptions held by people across time and place regarding power, authority, governance, and law.
- The state and federal governments established by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York embody basic civic values (such as justice, honesty, self-discipline, due process, equality, majority rule with respect for minority rights, and respect for self, others, and property), principles, and practices and establish a system of shared and limited government.
- Central to civics and citizenship is an understanding of the roles of the citizen within American constitutional democracy and the scope of a citizen's rights and responsibilities.
- The study of civics and citizenship requires the ability to probe ideas and assumptions, ask and answer analytical questions, take a skeptical attitude toward questionable arguments, evaluate evidence, formulate rational conclusions, and develop and refine participatory skills.

Purpose of Yorkers:

- Trips:
    - 7th Grade HIstory Day
    - 8th Grade DC Trip
- Presentations and/or Civic programs
    - Monthly Speakers
    - Veterans Day Flags
    - Memorial Day Ceremony
    - Spring Cleanup
- Lead and participate in civic activities
    - Make Posters and Announcements to make school aware of important events and people
- Participate in essays and other contests
    - History Day at Buffalo State Contest
- Beautify and encourage appreciation of the environment (school and town)
- Promote historical celebrations and months