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Glorious Kindness: Treat each person the way you wish to be treated.

7th Grade History and Geography

Student ID Number:

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Course Description:

The CCSD 7th-grade History and Geography course focuses on the development of the Western Hemisphere, with a particular emphasis on the Americas. Students will analyze current world issues through geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural lenses, utilizing technology and various sources to develop arguments and participate in discussions. The course also aims to build critical thinking skills, research abilities, and the capacity to analyze information from diverse perspectives.

Course goals:

The 7th grade History & Geography course in Clark County School District (CCSD) aims to develop students' understanding of the Western Hemisphere, focusing on the Americas.

Specifically, the course objectives involve:

- Understanding current world issues: Examining how current events relate to geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts.
- Developing and researching compelling questions: Using diverse and cross-disciplinary source material to formulate and investigate inquiry-based questions.
- Constructing organized arguments: Using researched evidence and sound reasoning to develop and present arguments for a range of audiences and purposes.
- Engaging in academic discussions: Participating in rigorous discussions that emphasize diverse perspectives, with a focus on critiquing and acknowledging claims and evidence.
- Taking action on local, regional, and global problems: Applying their understanding to real-world issues and exploring possible solutions.

The accelerated version of this course covers the same content but at an enhanced instructional pace and with greater depth of content.

Curricular programs:

We will be using a variety of instructional materials, including but not limited to, American Stories US History textbook, Educurious, Flocabulary, EdPuzzle, as well as a variety of fact based websites and videos.



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Grading Policy

Semester Grade

- ★ Each semester grade will be calculated based on two quarters worth 50% each.

Quarter Grades

- ★ Quarter grades will consist of two categories (Formative and Summative).
- ★ Formative (practice) will be worth 20% of the quarter grade. Summative (assessment) will be worth 80% of the quarter grade.
- ★ Each category will have a minimum of 4 individual graded items with no one item being worth more than 25% of that category grade.

Semester Exams/Projects

- ★ Will be calculated into the 2nd/4th quarter grade.
- ★ Will be based on the standards covered during each semester.
- ★ No retakes will be allowed.
- ★ Absent students will be offered the opportunity to make it up if absent.
- ★ One week prior, students will receive a study guide (if applicable).

Grading

- ★ All graded assignments will be aligned to a content standard.
- ★ Grading/feedback is generated in a timely manner – one week at most.
- ★ Students will be given opportunities to retake summative assessments in order to improve their score and display mastery of the information.
- ★ Students will be allowed to retake summative/formative assessments until they reach mastery (70%). If they have achieved mastery, they can do one additional retake within a two week period of the grade posting. (see exceptions below).
- ★ If a student cannot retake an assessment before or after school, the student will speak to the teacher so that the teacher can schedule an alternative time during the instructional day.
- ★ Students taking a reassessment will need to complete a reflection as part of the reassessment process.
- ★ Gradebooks will close one week prior to the end of the term for all items (except end of quarter exams) unless a student was absent on the due date and did not have time before the gradebook closed.

Late Work/Missing Work

- ★ Students have a minimum of two weeks from the date a grade is posted to turn in late/missing work for full credit. Any and all work missed due to absence must have a make-up option worth equal points.
- ★ Missing work will be marked "M" and will count as a zero.
- ★ Teachers will send out weekly communication to notify parents and students of missing work.



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Explanation of Student Grades

100-90 - A	89-80 - B	79-70 - C	69-60 - D	59-50 - F
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Citizenship/Behavior Expectations

- ★ Citizenship is taken very seriously at Leavitt Middle School. Teachers expect the very best from their students every day. Students are expected to bring supplies to class, pay attention, stay on task, talk when appropriate, be respectful to all teachers and students, avoid nuisance items, such as cell phones and toys, and not chew gum or eat in class. Students who cannot work within these expectations will have points deducted from their citizenship grades. Other actions that disrupt the learning environment of the classroom or other students will also be documented, and points will be lost.
- ★ A student's citizenship mark should be determined by where he/she falls in the majority of the above-listed areas.
- ★ The total score will dictate if the student is Outstanding (15-18) 'O'; Satisfactory (12-18) 'S', Needs Improvement (9-11) 'N', or Unsatisfactory (0-8) 'U'

Expectations	Outstanding 3	Satisfactory 2	Needs Imprvmt. 1	Unsatisfactory 0	Score
Be respectful to teachers.	Treats teachers in a respectful and caring way.	Usually treats teachers respectfully.	Sometimes <u>treats</u> teachers disrespectfully. May need a reminder to be respectful and caring.	Consistently treats teachers disrespectfully with a negative tone of voice or refusals. Is academically dishonest.	
Be respectful to classmates and self.	Treats classmates in a respectful and caring way. Encourages and helps others.	Usually treats classmates respectfully.	Sometimes treats classmates disrespectfully. May need a reminder.	Consistently treats class members in a negative way with put-downs, tone of voice, refusals. Is academically dishonest.	
Be on time.	On time. (0-1 tardy)	Usually on time (2-3 tardies)	Sometimes on time. (4-5 tardies)	Consistently late. (6 or more tardies)	
Be a good listener and follow directions.	Listens and follows directions.	Usually listens and follows directions.	Sometimes listens and follows directions. <u>Needs</u> reminders.	Consistently distracted and distracts others.	
Bring materials and completed assignments to class.	Brings all necessary materials and is prepared.	Usually brings all materials and is usually prepared.	Sometimes <u>brings</u> necessary materials, sometimes <u>is prepared</u> .	Consistently missing materials.	
Be an active participant.	Participates in class activities.	Usually participates in class activities.	Sometimes participates in class activities.	Consistently needs to be reminded to participate in class activities.	

† student's citizenship mark should be determined by where he/she falls in the majority of the above listed areas. Use the above Rubric by recording a score for each line. The total score will dictate if the student is Outstanding 15-18 'O'; Satisfactory (12-18) 'S', Needs Improvement (9-11) 'N', or Unsatisfactory (0-8) 'U' A

CCSD utilizes Infinite Campus to communicate grades and attendance. Parents and students are urged to check the Infinite Campus Portal for grades regularly, and we highly recommend having the Infinite Campus app on your phone. Parents, please call the school at 702-799-4699 x.4000 if you need assistance with your account. Students, please go to the Student Tech Aides if you need assistance.

Supplies Needed for This Course



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The Clark County School District provides necessary supplies for all students in order to meet their educational needs. However, we know that sometimes families choose to buy additional supplies for their children. Should you decide to do this, the following suggested items would be appropriate and appreciated.

- Folder
- Notebook
- Writing Utensils
- Chromebook

Utilizing Technology to Learn

At Leavitt, we encourage appropriate daily use of technology in and out of the classroom to further enhance the educational experience. As such, Leavitt will be providing students with Chromebooks in all grades to utilize in class and at home. Students will need to bring their fully charged Chromebook to school each day. Students may choose to utilize their own electronic device (Chromebook or laptop) for educational purposes. Please be reminded that your student is responsible for the safety of their personal device and must utilize the district's Wi-Fi to ensure their internet safety. All use of these devices will be for educational purposes and must be approved by the individual teacher. All other personal devices, such as cell phones, headphones, game systems, etc., are prohibited during instructional hours and must be kept off and put away. Prohibited personal electronics will be confiscated if observed in use during instructional time (other than lunch, before school, and after school).

Teacher's Hours of Availability

Teachers are available for help from 7:40 – 7:50 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. They are also available from 2:11 - 2:31 pm Monday through Friday by appointment. You can contact teachers through email. Please check Canvas for announcements, assignments, and additional resources, including the link for the online textbook.

***Please note that Wednesday morning office hours are unavailable due to department and staff meetings/training.**

School-Wide Rules

- ★ Follow directions quickly.
 - ★ Raise your hand for permission to speak.
 - ★ Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.
 - ★ Make SMART Choices: Kindness, Leadership, Courage, Invincible Grit, Creativity
 - ★ Work hard to do your best for your teachers and parents at all times.
 - ★ Keep your eyes on the target.
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- ★ Follow the Patriot Pact Principles
 - **Principle 1:** Respect other peoples' comments, opinions, and ideas.
 - **Principle 2:** If you are being bullied or witness bullying, tell someone.



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- **Principle 3:** Swearing is not allowed at Leavitt Middle School.
- **Principle 4:** Keep your eyes on the target when someone is speaking.
- **Principle 5:** When a guest is present, they are to be treated with the same respect as your teacher or parents. Greet new people and make them feel welcome.
- **Principle 6:** No technology is to be visible in the hallways. Technology is only to be used in class when given permission by the teacher.
- **Principle 7:** Have good manners by saying please, thank you, sorry, and excuse me.
- **Principle 8:** Be courteous by:
 - If someone drops something, help pick it up.
 - Hold the door for the person behind you.
- **Principle 9:** Own your Own Journey:
 - Be honest.
 - You are responsible for your decisions, not your teacher, family, and/or friends.

Tardy Policy

Students will be given an after-school detention for any tardy occurring after the first period. For students who can not get to class on time regularly, a parent conference will be scheduled. Attending class on time is an expectation for all students at Leavitt Middle School.

Dress Code

Leavitt follows CCSD standard dress code (located on our website in the "students" tab). If a student violates our dress code, they will be referred to the office, where they will have an opportunity to correct the issue and return to class. Refusal to fix the issue or continued violations may result in additional discipline.

Behavior

Minor Behavior Progressive Discipline (The CCSD Student Code of Conduct, which details all behavior and progressive discipline, can be found on Leavitt's website in the "Students" tab)

- 1st Incident – Verbal warning and/or classroom consequence
- 2nd Incident - Classroom consequence and/or parent contact
- 3rd Incident – Verbal contact to parent
- 4th Incident – Counselor referral - Parent notification
- 5th Incident – Behavior referral - Parent notification