



SEVENTH GRADE COURSE INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS

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Course Overview:

In this course, three regions around the world will be put in focus: Latin America, and Europe and Russia. Within each region, we will be concentrating on three themes - Geography, History, and Culture. Additionally, current events will be discussed and connected to our units of study

Overall Course Objectives:

- Create and answer historical questions based on new and old information
- Develop reading and writing skills
- Analyze and evaluate primary and secondary source materials
- Examine the relationship between people and geography
- Connect the past and present
- Develop an understanding of global themes within social studies

Materials

- A Binder
- A pen and pencil
- Highlighters
- Blank loose-leaf paper.

Your Binder:

- An organized binder is one of the keys to success in this class.
- Materials such as handouts, class notes, homework, tests and quizzes should be 3-hole punched and kept in your binder in chronological order.
- You may want to keep an extra binder at home in order to put past units in.

Grades:

- Quarter grades consist of a combination of unit exams (multiple choice, document based questions, essays), quizzes/vocabulary quizzes (both announced and unannounced), DBQ (document-based question) essays, and homework assignments.
- Your grades will reflect your performance AND your effort, so make sure that your assignments are done properly, neatly, completely, and on time.
- Over the quarter you will accumulate points. Your grade will be determined by dividing the number of points you earn by the total number of points possible.
- Tests should be completed in a timely manner following absences per the school attendance policy.
- Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign larger assignments so they can discuss their student's performance and contact me with any questions.
- Grades can be found online in Powerschool.

Homework:

- Homework will either reinforce work done in class that day, or it will prepare for work to be done in class the following day (the day which it is due). Homework will not be given daily.
- Homework may consist of summaries, outlines, exit tickets, worksheets or other writing assignments.
- Because homework relates to current class work, late homework will receive a grade reduction. (Unless you are absent or have discussed an exceptional circumstance with your teacher).

Extra Credit:

- Extra Credit will be offered at designated times throughout the year, generally once per quarter.
- Extra Credit will have specific requirements and due dates. Extra Credit will not be accepted late.
- Extra Credit is intended to offer students an opportunity to go above and beyond what is covered in class, it is not a substitute for mastery of the course curriculum.

Communication

- Email: haggertyk@northstonington.k12.ct.us
- Use email to ask questions, arrange appointments, or to share interesting research. **Please do not email assignments unless told to do so.**
- I can be reached via Remind as well. Students are encouraged to ask questions, however be sure they are appropriate. **Messages may not be answered immediately, especially if sent late in the evening.**
- Weekly emails from the seventh grade team will contain updates about assignments as well as current topics of study.

Wheeler Academic Expectations met by this course:

- Students will be able to communicate effectively.
- Students will be able to collaborate effectively.
- Students will be able to analyze effectively.
- Students will be able to demonstrate proficient literary skills.

For this class, the **analysis** criterion will be evaluated six times throughout the year and recorded in PowerSchool.

Extra Help

I will be available for students whenever possible for extra help. To avoid any conflicts with my availability, please see me at least **two days in advance** to schedule a time after school to meet. Students are/will be encouraged to speak to me before or after class, or during their SRBI period to discuss matters of assistance after school. During SRBI, which has a daily time slot, students will be able to visit teachers for additional help on any assignment or concept. I will be staying after school for a minimum of an hour and a half everyday and I can stay longer depending on the needs of the student(s). There will be scheduled review days before exams.

I have read the course outline and fully understand what is expected in Social Studies 7. If I have any questions, I will speak with my teacher as soon as possible.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____