**Social Studies**

**7th Grade**

**Ms. W. Sims**

**Course Syllabus 2023-2024**

**Course Description and Objectives**

*The Seventh Grade Georgia Standards of Excellence for Seventh grade students will focus on the study of Africa and Asia. The goal of this course is to acquaint middle school students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The government/civics domain focuses on selected types of government found in the various areas in order to help students begin to understand the variety of governments in the world. The economics domain builds on the K-5 economics; however, the focus shifts from the United States to how other countries answer the basic questions of economics. The history domain focuses primarily on significant events in each region from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.*

**Textbook**

Clairmont - *World Studies for Georgia Students*– Grade 7

**Unit/Concept Names**

Unit 1 Southwest Asia (Middle East) Unit 3 Southern and Eastern Asia

Unit 2 Africa Unit 4 Financial Literacy

**Major Course Projects and Instructional Activities**

At least one project will be assigned per semester. This will be an extension or enrichment of the concepts discussed. Students will have 1 to 3 weeks to complete each project depending on the complexity of the task.

**Course Assessment Plan**

Students will receive a variety of assignments designed to enhance their learning. If a student is absent, the student is responsible for the missed assignment(s). Students are expected to complete all missed assignment(s) within five days of return.

**Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy)**

* Summative Assessments 40% (Unit & Chapter Test, Projects, Tasks)
* Formative Assessments 60% (Quizzes, Class work, Labs, etc.)
* Homework: (15 minutes of nightly practice encouraged per subject)

**Grading Policy**

A (100-90) B (89-80) C (79-75) D (74-70) F (69-0)

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child’s grades using the district **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**.

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Students are expected to be **ready** to learn when they come to class. This means being on time, prepared with materials and assignments.

2. Students are expected to be **respectful** of other students, all adults, and their environment.

3. Students are expected to be **responsible** for their own actions, attitudes, and behavior.

**Discipline Policy:**

Students are expected to follow the classroom and school behavioral guidelines. In the event that disciplinary action is administered, the discipline policy outlined in the Student Handbook will be followed.

**Homework (Social Studies)**

Students will receive a monthly calendar during the first week of every month and they can earn extra credit based on completing additional assignments.

**Course Materials**

\* 1 Subject notebook with pocket \* Pens (black or blue) \* 1 Pocket folder

\* 1 - Composition Notebook \* Colored pencils or markers

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**Resources:**

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