**7th Grade Social Studies - World Studies**

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**Planning: 4th period; 11:15 – 12:10**

**Course Description:**

In 7th grade World Studies, students will learn about the geography, economy, government, and history in different regions of the world with an emphasis on Africa and Asia. In addition to the textbook, students will use maps, charts, articles, and primary sources to acquire, process, and synthesize information. In each unit of study, we will examine a region’s characteristics, history, and culture to better understand the world in which we live.

**Course Expectations / Goals:**

Students are expected to develop writing skills, to keep up with reading assignments, and to begin the process of historical analysis critical to understanding and interpreting the past.

**Textbook:**

Clairmont Press: *World Studies for Georgia Students.* Our textbook is available online. Information on online access will be given to students during the first week of school.

**Grading Scale:**

A 90 – 100

B 80 – 89

C 75 – 79

D 70 – 74

F 69 and below

**Assignment Weights:**

Tests – 40%

Quizzes – 30%

Class work – 20%

Homework – 10%

**Homework/Grading Policy:**

Homework is designed to help students gain mastery of a standard or skill. Do not expect written homework every day; however, students should form the habit of reading/studying new information on a nightly basis**. Per DFA policy, there is an 11 point penalty (daily) for late work. Students that fail to turn in assigned homework will receive a grade of 0. Class work and tests missed due to unexcused absences may be subject to a 10% grade reduction.**

**Class Expectations:**

1. Students are expected to be on time.
2. Students are expected to be prepared for class.
3. Students are expected to respect teachers, peers, and their property.
4. Students are expected to adhere to the DFA Code of Conduct.

**Please review the school policy concerning dress code and cell phone use. These policies will be strictly enforced.**

**Class Materials:**

1. Notebook or binder
2. Pencils
3. Color pens / pencils
4. Highlighters
5. Glue stick

**I have read and understand the expectations for Mr. Samaha’s social studies class**

**Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent / Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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