



## **Social Studies: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Teacher:** Mr. Alessie

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**Personal Information:** I have taught in the Linden School District for 14 years. I have a Bachelors degree from Oakland University and a Masters degree from Marygrove College. I reside in Swartz Creek with my wife Jeanine. We have three children: Cody, Casey and Carsen. In my spare time I enjoy golfing, playing softball, coaching, traveling (Myrtle Beach), and spending time with my family and friends.

**Textbook:** People, Places, and Change by Holt, Rinehart and Winston

**Class Description:** The 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum begins with a brief review of the 5 themes of geography as they relate to the Eastern Hemisphere, which includes Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Oceania. Students will study the physical geography of each region. We will identify major landforms, climate zones, and natural resources for each area. Students will learn about the history of each region, and cultural characteristics such as language, religion, food, dress, government, etc. Students will compare and contrast each region to the American perspective of social, political, and economic elements. The class will also continue to address the core democratic values.

**Materials Needed:** Student Planner (school will provide), one 3 or 5 subject notebook (with pocket folder inside if possible), pencils, colored pencils or markers (optional), a book/magazine for free-time reading.

**Grading:** Grades will be calculated using a cumulative grade point system. Point values for each assignment are determined based on length, difficulty, and specific grading rubric components. \*Please check WebGrader for updates.

100-93 = A    92-90 = A-    89-87 = B+    86-83 = B    82-80 = B-    79-77 = C+    76-73 = C  
72-70 = C-    69-67 = D+    66-63 = D    62-60 = D-    Below 59 = E

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned often in my class. Late work will receive half credit. Please label homework with: **Full Name, Date, Hour**

**Make-Up Work:** If a student is absent it is their responsibility to check the “Absent Work” bin when they return. Students will have one day to complete missing assignments for each day they are absent. Students are encouraged to ask me or a classmate if they have questions about the assignment.

**Extra Credit:** Extra Credit assignments/activities will be given throughout the year. By completing the extra credit, students will positively impact their grade!

**Classroom Rules:** 1. Follow directions the first time they are given. 2. Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind comments to self. 3. Respect yourself, others, and all school property. 4. Be prepared by bringing materials daily. 5. Be respectful, do not talk out of turn (raise your hand). When I am talking or someone else is talking, you are listening. 6. No Cell Phone or Gum



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Course Outline Agreement

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This assignment is worth 20 points!

