

Students will be writing, working on group activities and projects, geography, and economics throughout the year. We begin with the exploration of the Americas, move into Colonial Settlement, the Revolutionary War, and creating a nation including the Constitution and Bill of Rights. As our country grows, we learn about Lewis and Clark, the Jacksonian Era, westward expansion, and the concept of Manifest Destiny. Near the end of the second semester we focus on Northern and Southern economies, slavery vs. abolitionists, causes of the Civil War and the Civil War itself.

Writing will include: DAR essay, research projects, and major tests will include short essay questions.

Oral Presentations: Students will be making oral presentations throughout the year, in groups and individually.

Geography: Map skills and cultures will be taught through text and classroom activities. Students will participate in the school wide Geography Bowl.

Absences: There is a crate for 7th Grade Social Studies containing file folders for each month. A copy of the lesson plans are in the crate, as well as worksheets and handouts if you are absent. **Students** are responsible to check there for work missed if they are absent and then with me for clarification of assignments. A student with an excused absence has as many days to make up the work as they were absent. If the work is turned in during this time period, students have the opportunity to receive full credit. **If you have an assignment due and you are absent on the turn-in day, it is due on the day you return.**

Homework 6-Pass: Students will be receiving a 6-Pass/Semester for daily homework. If a daily assignment is late the student may forfeit 1 of the 6-Pass and turn the assignment in the next day with no penalty on the homework grade. If the “6-passed” assignment is not turned in the next day the student will be graded according the following schedule:

- 1st Quarter: 10% will be taken off all late assignments/day
- 2nd Quarter: 25% will be taken off all late assignments/day
- 3rd Quarter: 50% will be taken off all late assignments/day
- 4th Quarter: No late work accepted (unless you use a 6-pass)

The 6-Pass may NOT be used on any long term assignments.

Outside Reading/Extra Credit: Students will be expected to have a book to read in class, preferably historical-based fiction, biographies or autobiographies. Students may read two books and take 2 AR tests PER QUARTER and earn 25 homework points per test. **They must pass the AR test with a 70% or higher to earn extra credit.** They must print out their results & turn it in for credit. AR extra credit deadlines will be posted near the end of each quarter.

Grading:

Tests – 30%	Quizzes – 20%	Projects – 30%	Homework – 20%
Extra Credit – 20%	In-Class work – 20%	Preparation & Participation – 20%	

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