

**MR. WEAVER'S
7th GRADE WORLD HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY COURSE
SYLLABUS 2014-2015**



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will learn the History and Geography of the Medieval and Early Modern era. We will cover topics such as: Rome, Islam, Africa, China, Japan, Meso-America and Europe. We will also analyze the Renaissance, Reformation and the Scientific Revolution. Students will also focus on chronological and spatial thinking, as well as research, evidence, point of view, and historical interpretation. Although the standards will be addressed, we will also focus on preparing ourselves to succeed in the world in which we live. Hopefully we will come to see History as a powerful tool. Our goal is to leave this class a better person, prepared to change the world.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The objective of this course is to adhere to the California Seventh Grade History and Social Sciences Standards, the Rocklin Unified School District Mission Statement, and the Granite Oaks Middle School Student Handbook.

CLASSROOM RULES

Students are expected to comply with all school and classroom rules. These rules can be found in your student handbook and will be reviewed during the first week of class. These rules must be followed, as they will ensure a safe learning environment for all of us. I will not tolerate any act that prevents anyone of us from learning. Consequences include: verbal warning, phone call home by the student, behavior writing assignment, and/or detention/office referral. Infractions will also affect your participation grade.

MATERIALS

Students must have a notebook with paper and must bring it to class everyday. It will be used every class session. You should also always have a writing instrument. A textbook will be provided.

ATTENDANCE

All students must comply with the RUSD attendance policy. You must be in your assigned seat and prepared for class when the tardy bell rings. When returning to class after an absence, the student must obtain all missed assignments from the teacher.

HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK

Homework will be assigned regularly and will be due in packet form and checked at the beginning of class. Do not miss out; most students fail because they don't do their homework. *Late work will not be accepted.* The majority of our class work will go into your binders and may at times be used on tests. Weekly class work and homework will be posted on the board and should be noted in your agenda. There will be a Daily Question that will need to be written into your notebook every class period. These will be worth points and come straight off the tests (hint, hint).

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are administered as follows: A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, NM = 69 and below. Your grades will be based on class work, class participation, homework, test, and special assignments.

- 70% ASSESSMENTS (Quizzes, Chapter Tests, Benchmarks, Finals, Projects)
- 20% CLASSWORK and Writings (DQs and Weaver Writings)
- 10% HOMEWORK (CV and MP, Section Review Questions, and book work)

Parents should regularly check the school's website to view their child's grades and upcoming assignments/tests.

CONCLUSION

I am so excited about this upcoming year and genuinely look forward to creating special bonds with each and every member of our class. My door is always open; so don't hesitate to ask me for anything. I'm here to help you succeed, but in the end it is up to you. Let's have fun!