Ms. Reid

7th Grade Social Studies

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Course Description: Students in seventh grade will continue to expand upon the knowledge, skills and understanding acquired in the sixth grade examination of early civilizations. Seventh graders study the world from the Age of Exploration to contemporary times in order to understand the implications of increased global interactions. The focus will remain on the discipline of geography by using the themes of location, place, movement, human-environmental interaction and region to understand modern societies and regions. This course will guide students through patterns of change and continuity with a focus on conflict and cooperation, economic development, population shifts, political thought and organization, cultural values and beliefs and the impact of environment over time.

Classroom Expectations: All Jaguars in Ms. Reid’s class are referred to as scholars and are born to perform. Each scholar is expected to…

* Be in class on time.
* Be Prepared to learn (which means having all needed supplies)
* Use non-offensive language (which means no vulgar language)
* Keep the room clean.
* Respect others as well as yourself.

Attendance:

Students are responsible for all missed work. If a student is absent he/she must ask for the assignments from the teacher. Each student is expected to make up their work in the same amount of time that was given to other students. When students are absent the day of the test, they must see me for a make-up. It is your responsibility to make up all work or a “zero” will be posted in the grade book

Materials:

* Interactive Notebook
* Pencils
* Glue Sticks
* Agenda Book
* Colored pencils
* Library book

Interactive Social Studies Notebooks (ISN):

The purpose of the ISN is to enable the student to be a creative, independent thinker and writer. The notebook will be used for class notes and activities in which the student will be asked to express his/her own ideas and process the information presented in class. The notebook will help organize the content covered in class will be used as their “textbook” for completing assignments. The ISN will include class notes, discussion notes, and handouts. Each student will organize new information in creative formats, express opinions and feelings and explore new ideas.

Grading Rubric:

100- 90= A Assessments/Projects 40%

89-80=B Quizzes/Interactive Notebook 25%

79-70=C Classwork 25%

69-60=D Homework 10%

59 or below=F

I look forward to working with both you and your child to ensure a successful year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Reid