

# Woodlands Middle School

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## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies – A New World to the Civil War**

Ms. Browne

### **Contact info:**

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### **Availability:**

**Mon-Thurs 2:00-2:35 for extra help**

### **Course Description:**

This American History course is a survey of American history beginning with the very first Americans crossing the Bering Land Bridge and will end with the Civil War. This course is designed to help students understand how and why particular events and patterns of events occurred in our society. This survey course will enable students to understand the geographic, political and economic developments that affect events, both past and present.

Unit 1: American Beginnings

Unit 2: The Age of Exploration

Unit 3: Colonialism & the American Revolution

Unit 4: A New Nation

Unit 5: Manifest Destiny

Unit 6: The Civil War

### **Course Expectations:**

Students in this American History class 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. Students are expected to come to class prepared and to complete assignments on time.

### **Textbooks and Materials:**

Students will need the following:

2 inch binder

Loose leaf lined paper

Dividers

Folder

Pens, Pencils, and Highlighters

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\*Textbook\* Students will be given selected chapters from Contemporary's American History. These packets will be three hole punched at stapled and are to be kept in the 2 inch binders.

## **Grading Policy:**

**Homework: 20%**

**Classwork: 30%**

**Tests & Quizzes: 30%**

**Performance Tasks: 20%**

- DBQ Essays
- Projects

## **Assessments**

Formal-reading quizzes, vocabulary quizzes, essays, projects, presentations

Informal- small and large group activities, class discussion, daily writing, participation,

- Many major assessments and essays will be done electronically.

Essays:

- DBQ Essay
- Thematic Essay

Essays will be scored based on analysis, range of evidence provided, thesis statement, structure, language use, and conventions. All essays will have a rubric specifically designed to the task and will be provided to students in advance.

## **Social Studies Portfolio**

- Students will be responsible for keeping all rough and final copies, including anything with teacher and/or peer notes, of major writing assignments.
- Students will keep a Social Studies portfolio to show that they have grown as historians throughout the year
- The portfolio will also contain other major assessments that the students will take over the course of the year.

## **Course Policies:**

Student Work: Students will be expected to complete assignments outside of class time on a regular basis. All students are expected to read class material, think critically and write effectively. Students are expected to use complete sentences, proper grammar and correct spelling in every written performance.

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Group Activities: You will be working in groups on a regular basis. Your group will be given cooperative learning activities to complete. You will be expected to be an active member of your group and participation points will be assessed accordingly. You will always be graded as an individual; however your group may earn points together that will lead to a reward.

Extra Credit: Opportunities for extra credit will be offered from time to time. Extra credit is extra work above and beyond the usual homework, not work used to cover up missing work.

Absences: If a student is absent, **it is HIS/HER responsibility** to get all late work from the teacher and return it in a timely manner.

## **Class Rules:**

- Be respectful
- Be Prepared
- Be on Task
- Be Cooperative
- Be Responsible
- No Gum/Candy/Food
- No Drinks except Water.


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## Tools for Success

In this class, all students will be expected to register for two online programs that are intended to get the students more involved in their academic success.

1. Remind 101 App: this app is intended to remind students about important homework assignments, exams, and projects. This app is also great to connect with families at home. Students are required to sign up; parents are welcome to sign up.

Mrs. Browne would like you to join Social  remind  
Studies 7 2nd Period!

To receive messages via text, text  
**@c13c43** to **81010**. You can opt-out  
of messages at anytime by replying,  
'unsubscribe @c13c43'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting  
**@c13c43** to **(646) 679-5335** instead.

Or to receive messages via email, send  
an email to **c13c43@mail.remind.com**.  
To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in  
the subject line.



81010 Enter this number

Message:  
@c13c43 Text this message

New message  
Recipients c13c43@mail.remind.com  
Subject (You can leave the subject blank)

2. Engrade is online gradebook that both students and parents. You have been provided with an access code to log onto Engrade. Once you have logged on you can view your grades in this class at any time.

\* I strongly advise you to use your student ID number as your password. When you forget your password, I do not have access to your account.

## Statement for Academic Dishonesty:

Academic honesty is expected in this class. Cheating will not be tolerated. Consequences may include: reduction in grade on assignment, repeat assignment, no grade on assignment or others as deemed appropriate. Academic dishonesty will be reported to a school counselor and a parent will be notified.

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I have read and understand the rules for Ms. Browne's History class.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_