

Mrs. Rasband

Social Studies 7th Grade *Revised for 2018/19*

Welcome to Mrs. Rasband's history class! As you enter this next phase, YOU will be held very **accountable for the content of the curriculum**. YOU must do the required work, budget YOUR time and learn to study for academic success. No one will be holding your hand. **This is your time to show how responsible you are and if not, learn to be so.** The classes are designed to give you new material, study skills, practice at gathering information and organization tools you will use throughout your life. **This is your year to shine!!**

7th Grade Curriculum WORLD HISTORY: Based on California State Standards for 7th grade social studies. We will be learning about the following: Fall of the Roman Empire, Medieval times in Europe, the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, Age of Exploration, Age of Enlightenment, the Islamic Empire, Africa, Medieval China and Japan, , and finally the Aztec, Inca and Maya Civilizations in the Americas. **We will be piloting a new Social Studies program: Pearson Education:California World History-Medieval and Early Modern Times.** Students will access this book online (more information will be sent out on how to do this). There will be a class set of books at school.

Class Routine:

First Step Rule: The first step taken into the classroom students will be silent taking out their planners to copy class assignments from whiteboard and prepare their notebooks for newest assignment.

1. Daily assignments and homework are written on the board.
2. If you are absent, check the front of the classroom to find past assignments in a binder and files containing assignments (at the What did I Miss?? board)
3. Daily Planner: Class time is given at the beginning of class to write down homework and assignments.
4. GRADES are posted online on a regular basis. Please make it a habit to check online.
5. (THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT KNOWING HOW YOU ARE DOING IN CLASS) "ASK" if you ever have a question!!!

Homework: I believe in Family time!!!

1. Usually homework is given when not completed in class.
2. Rarely assigned on the weekend
3. There may be Long-Term and At-Home projects that will require work done at home. These assignments will be given a longer period of time to complete.

Once grades are available by the school district: CHECKING GRADES ONLINE ON A REGULAR BASIS, IS A MUST!!! There are no excuses. You may use computers in the school library, or the Public Library. Don't forget your SMART phones ☺

Grading 7th grade: The final grade is based on 2 Categories. Each is weighted as part of the final grade as follows:

- 75% Tests/Assessments/Projects
- 25% Notebooks (include classwork/homework and sometimes misc. work)

- **Extra Credit** is minimal and will be offered to the class as a whole, not on an individual basis. **Do not come to me at the end of the semester asking me how to increase your grade....**

Discipline: The classroom rules are simple. DISPLAY GOOD MANNERS: **1.** Show courtesy, **responsibility** and **respect** always. **2.** Listen quietly while the teacher or other students are talking. **3.** Follow directions of the teacher and staff the first time they are given. All students have the right to learn and all teachers have the right to teach. It is expected that students will follow school rules and class rules. Privileges, detentions, timeouts, essays, standards, notes, calls home, referrals, and suspensions can and will be used if necessary.

Absent Make-up Work: Students are responsible for getting their absent work from the Absent Folder, located near the front door of the classroom at the “What Did I Miss?” board.. **I will not remind them, it is their responsibility.** All work for the specific day of the week missed, will be placed in the appropriate folder. **There is also a daily calendar near the folders for the student to check what was done in their absence.** Students have the same number of absent days to make-up the work. For Example: 1 day out equals 1 day to make-up and give me the work. **Please contact me should you have any questions or requests.** Please keep in mind the more your child is absent the less they learn and their grade might suffer. Plus....making up work is time consuming and difficult!!! ☹

TWO LAST THINGS:

I require all students to sign up for REMIND text messages (directions are on a separate sheet of paper and online on my school website). I have found this as an excellent way to communicate and remind students of important things.

When signing up, please make sure you are signing up for the correct class period. Use first/last name and child’s name. Please distinguish if you are a “parent” or a “student”.

In this way I will know exactly who might be communicating with me and from what class period.

Every day I will send a REMIND text that will include need to know information and a picture of the Agenda Board—so you and your child will know what was given as homework.

Communication:

- Send me a note
- E-mail: srasband@tvusd.k12.ca.us (Email is the best way to communicate with me).
- School Phone: 951-302-5151 x3550
- Text me thru REMIND-
- School Web site: <http://tms.tvusd.k12.ca.us/>

Please feel free to contact me. I look forward to an exciting educational year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sabrina Rasband
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