



**7th Grade Social Studies**  
**Syllabus School Year 2011-2012**  
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**Text book:** *People, Places, and Change: Eastern Hemisphere* Holt

Replacement Cost: \$43.50

Students will be given a username and password for an on-line textbook.

Supplemental materials approved by the Henry County Board of Education include *History, Alive!*, *Geography Alive*, *SCIS World in Transition Series*, and *InspirEd*

**Definition:**

"Social Studies is the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence. Within the school program, social studies provides coordinated, systemic study drawing upon many disciplines. The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public goods as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world."

**Content and Skills:**

The emphasis in seventh grade is on the study of selected regions in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Each unit focuses on the following perspectives:

- Geographic Overview
- Historic Development
- People and Culture
- Political Systems
- Economic Systems

Through this study, students will acquire map and globe skills, time and chronology skills, information processing skills, and decision-making/problem solving skills.

- Unit 1: Origins of Middle Eastern Cultures
- Unit 2: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Middle East
- Unit 3: Middle Eastern Political and Economic Systems
- Unit 4: Origins of African Cultures
- Unit 5: Colonization and Independence of African Nations
- Unit 6: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa
- Unit 7: Africa's Political and Economic Systems
- Unit 8: Origins of Asian Cultures
- Unit 9: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Asia
- Unit 10: Asia's Political and Economic Systems
- Unit 11: Model UN

**Grade Weights:**

Test & Quizzes- 40%

Classwork/Projects-35%

Homework-10%

Semester Exam-15%

**\*Progress Reports will be issued every 4 ½ weeks. See the HCSS Student Calendar for the dates.**

**Materials for Class:**

Students are expected to come to class prepared everyday with the following:

- Interactive Social Studies Notebook
- Homework or Classwork given
- Glue Stick
- Pen or Pencil
- Student Agenda

*You will be considered not prepared for class if you do not bring the above with you everyday.*

**Needed Supplies:**

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- Pen or Pencil
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (70 sheet, 1 subject, college ruled)
- Glue Sticks
- Flash Drive
- Highlighter(s)- any color
- Colored Pencils and Markers

**Interactive Notebook:** The “interactive” notebook is an integral part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies classroom. This is an **8 1/2 by 11 inch** one-subject spiral notebook (Mead 5 Star or equivalent). The student will need two of these for the school year. The majority of the course work is done in this notebook. It will be used for reflections on learning, note taking, and as a place to keep course handouts. The notebook will be evaluated periodically according to teacher discretion. Students are required to bring this notebook to class **everyday**, along with a **glue stick, a set of colored pencils/markers, pens, pencils, and highlighters.**

**Help Sessions:**

Social studies tutoring will be available on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. Students **MUST** get a pass from me prior to attending a tutoring session. Additional help sessions will be offered by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled as needed, with adequate (minimum 24-hr) notice to the teacher. Duty coverage and scheduled meetings will determine teacher availability.

**Wish List:**

- Colored Copy Paper
- Dry erase markers
- Paper Towels
- Glue Sticks
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer

**School to Home Communication**

**Please check my WMS Teacher Webpage for any updates, Test and Project dates, as well as major handouts students will need for this semester. My webpage will be updated regularly with pertinent information.**

**HCSS Excused Absence/Make-up Work Policy:** When students are absent, **it is the responsibility of the student-not the teacher-to get missed assignments and to make up (and turn in) all missed notes, tests, assignments and/or homework.** Students are expected to make up missed tests/turn in projects on the first day following any absence. Students have a number of days equal to the number of missed days to make up all other assignments.

**I have read and understand the policies and expectations for this class.**

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

***This syllabus is subject to change.***