**7th Grade Social Studies**

**Welcome to Mrs. Faulkner’s Class!**

I am so excited to have you in my class! I love the social sciences, history, and teaching, and I cannot wait to share my excitement and high expectations with everyone this year. I am certain you will have a year full of academic success, as well as, personal growth. I expect this class to be challenging, and at the same time, rewarding for you!

**Topics to be covered this year:**

**Civics:**

* Rights and Responsibilities
* Colonial America
* The Constitution
* The Declaration of Independence
* Legislative Branch
* Executive Branch
* Judicial Branch
* Political Parties

**Geography**:

* Map Skills
* Geographic Features
* Weather/ Culture
* North America
* Europe
* Southwest Asia and North Africa
* Australia/ Oceania
* Central America and the Caribbean

**Expectations:**

1. Follow all county, school, and classroom rules.

2. Respect yourself, others, and property.

3. Do your best at all times.

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Come to class prepared, with all your materials.

2. Do NOT talk, raise your hand to speak.

3. Do NOT eat, drink, or chew gum (with the exception of a closed-top water bottle)

4. Do NOT rest your head on your desk.

5. Do NOT pack up before the bell rings.

6. Keep your area, and this classroom, clean.

**Consequences:**

1. Verbal warning.

2. Conference in Hallway (Discipline Log/ Break Detention/ Silent Lunch)

3. Parent contact.

4. Office referral.

*Severity Clause: Students will bypass all warnings and be referred to the office for using derogatory language/hate language, harassment, physical or verbal threats, or as determined by school policy.*

**Classroom Procedures:**

* Students are to come into class and immediately get started on their assignments. I ask that **ALL STUDENTS** use hand sanitizer when **entering** and **exiting** the room. Students are to sharpen their pencil, turn in assignments, etc. during this time. Once a student enters the classroom during class change time, they cannot leave. Students are to take care of all business (restroom, locker, etc.) before entering class. If a student is not in their seat and working when the bell rings, they will be marked as tardy.
* We work until the bell rings. Students are not permitted to pack their things before this time and are expected to continue working until class is over.

**Individual Supply List:**

* 1 inch 3 ring binder
* 5 tab dividers (labeled: Bell Ringer, Vocabulary, Notes, Classwork, Homework)
* Loose leaf paper

**Yes**! If you want to share your binder with another class, use a folder, or clipboard (yes, that happened) that is fine!

All I ask is that you PLEASE make sure all my assignments are together in whichever organizational tool you use.

* Pens (blue/black ink)
* Pencils
* Colored Pencils
* Index Cards (1 pack, 3x5)
* Post-It Notes (standard size, any color)
* Highlighter (any color, any size)
* Colored Pens
* $10 Technology Fee

**Suggested**:

* Headphones/Earbuds (the students like to have these on hand while using Chromebooks)
* Hand-held pencil sharpener

**Teacher Wish List:**

* Copy Paper
* Lysol (wipes and/or spray)
* Hand Sanitizer
* #2 Pencils

**Grades and Assignments**

**Grading Scale:**

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 70-79

D= 60-69

F=0-59

**Your grades will be broken down based on many assignments as follows:**

Major Grades: 65%

* (Tests 55%, Projects 10%)

Minor Grades: 35%

* (Daily Work 20%, Quizzes 10%, Homework 5%)

* **Tests:** Tests will be given for each chapter during the year. When we study the continents of Europe, Southwest Asia and North Africa, and North America, tests will be given on the entire region, not based on one chapter.
* **Projects:** Two major projects will be assigned this year; one for Geography and Civics.
* **Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given throughout the study of a chapter or region in the world. Some will be announced ahead of time, others will not.
* **Daily Work (Classwork)/Homework:** In order to be successful in this class you must work hard and be prepared to practice materials in and out of class. We will complete classwork and homework throughout the year.
* **Participation:** Participation grades will be given at random throughout the year and will comprise of several factors: bringing all materials to class, completing bell ringers, participating in classwork/activities.

**Extra Help:** As your teacher, I am here to give you extra support and guidance. Please seek help if you need it, however; I will only provide extra credit to those who have worked diligently throughout the year.

**Absences:** Students who are absent need to complete any make-up work as soon as possible. Students can find make-up work in the folders as sorted by day. The student will have two (2) days to complete any make-up work, after which it will result in a zero. It is **your** responsibility to pick up all make-up work and complete tests/quizzes.

**NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. PERIOD.**

**All Work Turned in with NO NAME will be graded as a ZERO.**

**Communication:**

Feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions or concerns you may have.

* You can contact me by phone through the front office or by email at sarah.faulkner@acboe.net
* Remind 101- This is a great tool to stay up-to-date on important class announcements and assignments. Download the app and use the code @faulkner14

* Schoology-
* Quizlet- This is a great tool for vocabulary! In my class, there will be a strong focus on vocabulary. Students can study for quizzes here as well. Download the app and use the code @Sarah\_Faulkner14 to join!

Thank you for reading over the syllabus for the 2020-2021 school year, I know it will be a great!

Mrs. Sarah Faulkner

***Please sign below and return to Mrs. Faulkner. Keep syllabus in binder****.*

**Student, Parent/Guardian:** I have read and understand the syllabus for Mrs. Faulkner’s Social Studies class.

**Student name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**