**Junior High Social Studies**

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Goal: To broaden the horizons of our students through the study of other traditions, cultures, religions

6th Grade: Western World; the Americas and Europe

7th Grade: Eastern World; Africa and Asia

8th Grade: US History; Colonization up to Reconstruction

* Daily Notes/Lecture/Discussion

**Quarter Grades**

Homework 25%

* Guided Readings, Junior Scholastic (See Below), Questions in their textbooks, primary sources, etc.

Quizzes 35%

* 6th and 7th Grade Map Quizzes (Receive Map Handouts 3-5 weeks prior to 1st Quiz)
* 8th Grade section quizzes from their notes (All Quizzes are announced usually 2 days prior to quiz)

Tests 40%

* Tests are completed after each Chapter (3-5 per Quarter)
* Students will receive a study Guides 3-5 days before the Test (Study Guide are not graded)
* Class review the day before the test

**Missing/Late Assignments**

* Late Assignments will be accepted with a 10% deduction for being one day late
* After one day, assignments will be accepted with a 50% deduction

**Junior Scholastic Current Event Magazine**

* We usually complete after each chapter test
* Thee assignment consists of a Quiz Wizard Worksheet and Map Activities
* Reinforces skills needed for the Social Studies ISTEP (7th Grade)
* Students usually have 2-3 days to finish

**Projects**

The following list is a sample of the projects that we will complete over the course of the school year

* 6th Grade: Greeks/Romans; United Nations/European Union; South American Country Power Point
* 7th Grade: Egyptian Pharaoh/Egyptian Dynasty; Southeast Asia Country Power Point
* 8th Grade: Founding Fathers, American Revolution, American Civil War
* Students will spend several class days and utilize the computer Lab to complete their projects.
* Some students will need time at home to finish their projects.

 **Geography and History Bees**

* Geo Bee: Classroom rounds and School Round (November/December); State Competition is usually held on the first Friday in April (IUPUI Campus)
* <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>
* History Bee: Classroom rounds and School Round (November/December); State Competition is usually held in March (Indianapolis)
* <http://historybee.com/>