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Social Studies 7

Seventh grade classes will study the Eastern Hemisphere of the world. We will be looking at geography, history, and culture with the following themes in mind.

Unit Title	Themes	Activities
Humans & the Environment	<i>Human and environmental systems are interdependent creating the need to manage resources to ensure sustainability.</i>	Study various energy sources and identify countries in the Eastern Hemisphere that rely on them. Use maps and air quality indexes to draw correlations between energy and pollution based on type. Educate the community through Earth Day grocery bags that illustrate causes and solutions for environmental issues.
Culture	<i>Differences in the way people live around the world will be explored. These differences may relate to government, religion, personal expression, food, language.....</i>	Projects include; an iceberg poster of your own cultural identity, a paper written from the point of view of a European teen, and a report on a tribe in Africa.
Leadership	<i>Leaders cause global interactions and change, which may challenge the courage, morality and personal responsibility of individuals.</i>	Choose an important leader and Make a poster nominating them for the Peace Prize, watch the movie <i>Invictus</i> on Nelson Mandela
Peace and Conflict	<i>Global interactions challenge the identity of individuals and communities resulting in both conflict and cooperation.</i>	Historical overview of conflicts in Europe, Asia, and Africa. We will focus on the causes of conflict, the way to resolution, and the process of reparation and healing. Students will explore the role of extremism by watching <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> about the holocaust and by reading <i>I Am</i>

Textbook & Website: Check Google classroom for materials

Online Text: <http://www.teachtci.com>

Homework:

Class time will be provided to finish most of your work. If you are absent or unable to finish in class, then you will have homework. Periodic notebook turn-ins may require outside of class completion. All assignments will be posted on Google Classroom including student projects and in class video links. If you are absent, please check Classroom as you are responsible for missed class time.

Supplies needed for class:

70-100 page spiral bound notebook or composition book
Pocket folder.
Pencil

If a student is absent:

Check Google Classroom for prompts and assignments. All presentations will be shared with you there. Please feel free to email me with questions. See me for instructions before school, after school, or during lunch.

Evaluation & Grading:

Students' skills will be graded in 3 areas:

- *Projects (40%)*
- *Tests (30%)*
- *Daily Notebook Assignments (30%)*

Class Rules:

- Respect other people and property.
- Be on time to class. Begin work promptly
- Work quietly.
- Bring all materials to class daily.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.