**7th grade - History of Eastern Civilization**

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**Daily assignments & homework blog site –**

[**http://kennedymiddleschool.weebly.com**](http://kennedymiddleschool.weebly.com)

This year we will cover the geography, culture, government and history of the Eastern Hemisphere. This year we will study:

* Ancient civilizations
* The 5 major religions
* Modern Africa
* Modern Asia and the Pacific

 In addition, we will study current issues involving the United States in a global society. If you feel you need extra help with Social Studies, see me. I am here to help! We can arrange a time before or after school that is convenient for everyone.

**3 Textbooks:**

World Studies: 1-The Ancient World, 2-Asia & the Pacific, 3-Africa. All textbooks are available online. See my blog site to set up an account to access these books.

**Social Studies Department Suggested Materials:**

1. A **single** subject spiral notebook.
2. A yellow folder
3. A pencil with an eraser /pens (blue or black).
4. Highlighters
5. Red pens
6. Kleenex
7. Hand Sanitizer and/or Clorox Wipes

**Social Studies Department Grading Policy:**

Student’s grades will be calculated based on the following scale –

* Unit Tests/Assessments – 60%
* Essays/Projects – 30%
* Trimester Assessments – 10%

**Homework policy:**

All homework that is assigned in class is due the next day unless otherwise noted. Homework is **not** collected in class the day it is assigned.

**Late Homework policy:**

Any homework not turned in by the due date will be subject to the school-wide ZAP program.

**Absent work policy**:

Students are responsible for making up work when they are absent. To obtain the work:

1. Check blog site for classwork & homework.

2. Print up any required materials (worksheets, etc.) from my blog site.

3. Work is due in as many days as student was out, (example = absent 3 days, work due 3 days after student returns to school).

**Social Studies Department Retesting Policy:**

Any student who would like to retest on an assessment will be allowed to do so, provided that the following criteria is met:

1. The student has no missing assignments from that chapter/unit. If a student has missing assignments, those assignments must be completed and turned in before a retest will be allowed.
2. The student must fill out a **Retest Request Form** completely and have a parent/guardian sign the form. The student must have this completed form to turn in the day of the retest, or they will not be allowed to retest.
3. The student must meet at least once before or after school during homework club hours with either: Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Hahn, or Mrs. Livernois to review material/concepts for the assessment. Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Hahn, or Mrs. Livernois must sign and date the **Retest Request Form** in the appropriate spot.

4. Retests must be completed within a week of the original assessment.

**All School-wide procedures apply.**

(See the Student/Parent Handbook for these rules)

**All classroom procedures apply.**

(Posted in my classroom)