

7th Grade Social Studies

Syllabus

A. Notebooks:

You will need to have a notebook or a computer for this class. Notes will be taken and labeled correctly for all assignments, lectures, and films. The notes can be on notebook paper or typed on a computer. These will be worth 2 points per lesson, lecture, and film.

B. Study Guides:

These are for the purpose of reviewing the main points of the units. You will receive these (via email) prior to the Unit Test. There are questions on the Study Guide which may not be on the test. These are worth 40 points.

C. Country Floats:

These are floats made out of shoe boxes about a country. There can only be one person per country. The requirements of this report will be covered at a later date. These will be worth 200 points and are a part of that quarter's project grade.

D. Daily Quizzes:

There will be a quiz after each reading assignment. **Your notes can be used on the quizzes.** These are very important! These are worth 5-10 points.

E. Tests:

The tests will be M/C, T/F, matching, and fill-in-the-blank. Each test will be worth 100 points. **These are very important because they show me what you know.**

F. Lions on Top Club:

After the first unit the student that has the highest grade will have their name placed on the wall. After the second unit the highest grade overall and the student that improved the most from the first unit to the second unit, will have their name placed on the wall. Any student that has a D or an F for the unit cannot qualify for the club. Any student that makes the club three straight units will always be on it. If you make the club you don't have to take reading notes during the time you are on it.

G. Grading:

All grades are based on this total points system:

Grades:

1. Tests – will always be worth 100 points.
2. Projects – will always be worth 50 points.
3. Daily Quizzes – the GQ answers are worth 1 point each and each quiz answer will be worth 2 points each.
4. Lesson Outlines will be worth 5 points for each lesson, lecture worksheet, and lecture discussion.
5. Study Guides will be worth 40 points.
6. All other daily work will be one point per answer.

H. Extra Credit:

You will be able to earn 70 points extra credit per quarter. There will be three methods of earning extra credit points.

1. Movies, TV Shows or a podcast: Any show, which relates to history, can be used. These must have prior approval by both the teacher and the parents. You must watch the entire program and have your parents sign the summary sheet, which shows that you completed the program. Podcast options will be found on the Bulletin Board. Summary sheets can be obtained from the teacher. These will be graded and can be worth 20 points. You can only watch 2 movies each quarter. You can only receive credit once for a movie during 7th and 8th grade.

2. Book Reports on any book that relate to history. These must be approved by the teacher. These are graded and can be worth 35 points.

3. People and Places You Should Know Bulletin Board – every month there will be list of names of people you should know and a list of places in the world you should know about. To receive the extra credit you must research the person or place and write a summary about what you learned. Each one of these will be worth 10 points.

4. Podcast – these are worth 50 Points. These are found on the Extra Credit board. Just listen to the Ben Franklin's World Podcast that I have on the board. Write a one page summary and hand in.

H. Grading Scale

A+	100	B+	90-88	C+	81-79	D+	72-70
A	99-94	B	87-85	C	78-76	D	69-67
A-	93-91	B-	84-82	C-	75-73	D-	66-64
						F	63-0

I. Make-Up Work

If you are absent it is your responsibility to get the assignments off the assignment board in the front of the room. You will have two days to complete work for every day you are absent. One week will be the maximum to complete the work unless it is an extended absence. Any work not completed on time will be treated as late work.

J. Late and Incomplete Work

Anytime you have late or incomplete work you will receive a zero until it is turned in. Then you will receive 60% of the credit you earned on the assignment. **Remember any incomplete or late work will mean a Pride Check.**

K. Attendance

This is the most important part of this class. It is very hard to teach you when you are not here.

Units of Study

- I. Economics
- II. Western Hemisphere Geography
 - A. The United States and Canada
 - B. Latin America
- III. Country Floats (Western Hemisphere)
- IV. NCAA Basketball Unit
- V. Iowa History
- VI. Mock Trial - Court System

Parents please sign and send this sheet back with your child to signify that you have read the syllabus or you can email me at beckenro@centrallyon.org This is worth 10 points for them. Please keep the syllabus for your use at home. These can also be found on my web page on the Central Lyon Web Site.

Parent's Signature: _____