**History and Geography 2018-2019 Syllabus**  
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Welcome to 7th and 8th grade History and Geography! I invite and encourage the participation of all parents and guardians in your child's total learning process.  
  
**Supplies**Students will need a binder or folder, a pencil or blue/black pen, and lined paper or notebook everyday. Students should keep all handouts and graded assignments in their binder or folder until at least the end of the unit, if not until the end of their middle school experience! The Core Knowledge Curriculum spirals; we will be returning to topics explored in previous units of study throughout 7th and 8th grade and it will help if students keep their work for the whole year.  
  
**Assignments**Reading and writing skills will be stressed in this class, but we will also use art, music, videos, simulations, and student creativity to make the past come to life. Students will, among other assignments, create political maps, complete homework regularly, take tests and quizzes, work on projects, and take extensive notes from lectures and readings. Students will receive participation grades that will be based on prompt attendance, active engagement in class, and turning work in on time. All 7th grade students will be assigned a textbook to take home and keep at home for the duration of the school year. **Not all units are covered in the textbook.**

*All work must be the work of the student. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. PLEASE see me if you ever have questions about plagiarism and/or how to cite work. We will review expectations continuously throughout the school year.***Website**My website is **www.msjohnsonhistory.weebly.com**. I will update the website with classwork and homework assignments. Students are expected to check the website if they miss a day of class, lose an assignment, and for class updates. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to explore the site so they know what is happening in class and to check the homework calendar.   
  
**Absences/Late Work**If a student misses class for any reason, it is his/her responsibility to make up classwork and homework within 2 days. Students who are missing homework (aside from an absence) will have the option of attending Homework Hall each Thursday afternoon. Work from that week is due by 7:45 Friday morning, even if the student does not attend Homework Hall.

**Campus Gradebook**Infinite Campus will be updated regularly with homework and classwork assignments and participation grades. Research papers, projects, and extended-time assignments may take longer to grade. Parents and students should check student’s grades regularly through Parent Portal. Please try not to wait until the end of the unit or quarter to stay on top of grades. I will personally keep parents informed of missing assignments and grades when necessary.

**Class Rules**Students are expected to:   
- follow the rules in the RMAE handbook – dress code included.  
- be respectful to their peers, school property, guests, and the teacher. I will show the same respect.

**Tentative Curriculum Map**

This schedule is subject to change and is a preliminary outline only.

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| Grade | Aug/Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
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| 7 | Geography of the US | America Becomes a World Power | WWI, start Trek | Trek Across Europe | Russian Revolution | America: 1920s to New Deal | New Deal and WWII | WWII | WWII |
| 8 | Civics and the Constitution | Breakup of British Empire | People’s Republic of China, *Good Earth*, and *Mao’s Last Dancer* | Cold War & Korean War | Civil Rights & End of Apartheid | Vietnam War | End of Cold War & Modern Europe | Middle East & Oil Politics | Geography of Canada & Mexico |

***8th Grade ONLY***For our third unit, The People's Republic of China, we will be reading ***Mao's Last Dancer***by Li Cunxin to supplement the Core Knowledge book, *The Good Earth.* You will need to purchase this book or pick up a copy from the library. Please order the book as soon as possible. If there are concerns about affordability, do not hesitate to contact me and we will get a copy for you! I have approximately 7 used copies from years’ past that I am happy to loan out. I will do so on a first-come-first-served basis. Please send me an email if you would like to reserve one of these copies.

**Student**

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**Parent/Guardian**

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