### **Vocabulary**

The list below includes some of the key terms that we will be using in social studies this year. See what you already know and what you will be learning!



Agriculture Citizen

Civilization

Climate

Colony Command

**Economy** 

Delta

**Democracy** 

**Desertification** 

**Drought** 

**Economics** 

**Empire** 

Export

**Famine** 

**Freshwater** 

**GDP** 

**Hydroelectricity** 

**Import** 

Industrialization

**Irrigation** 

Life Expectancy

**Literacy Rate** 

Latitude &

Longitude

**Market Economy** 

**Monarchy** 

**M**onotheism

**Monsoon** 

**Nomadic** 

**Polytheism** 

Republic

Rural

Savanna

**Service Industries** 

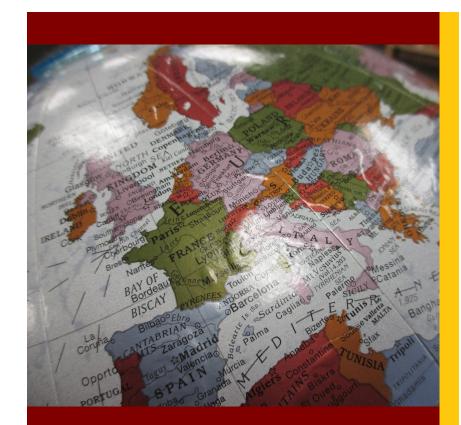
**Specialization** 

Strait

**Subsistence Farming** 

**Supply & Demand** 

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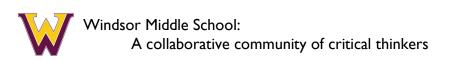
## Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade!

#### What to Expect in Social Studies

Building upon the skills learned in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies curriculum is focused on the Eastern hemisphere. After a quick review of key concepts, we begin with a study of some of the world's earliest civilizations in Mesopotamia and Egypt. From there we expand into the ancient empires of China, Greece, and Rome. Towards the end of the first semester, we look at the origins and beliefs of the five world religions and continue on to see their influence during the Middle Ages.

To start the second semester, we transition to an examination of the modern world, studying the physical and political geography of Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. We also explore the types of governments found here and compare and contrast the roles of citizens in a variety of countries. During these units, we also incorporate economic concepts including supply & demand and trade.

We finish the year with some projects that allow students to combine everything they have learned and demonstrate how the different pieces are connected. Our world is full of fascinating places and cultures, and this class will increase your understanding of our shared past as well as the world we live in today.



## Helpful Tips

#### **Be Prepared**

Supplies needed for this class include:

- 3-Subject Notebook
- Pencil
- Folder
- Colored Pencils

If absent, email or talk to Mr. Austin to get caught up as soon as possible.

Turn in your work by the due date.

Use time wisely here and at home.

Study for tests and quizzes.

Participate and ask questions.

**Check Canvas & Campus Portal regularly.** 

- Announcements, extra credit opportunities, helpful links, and more can be accessed through Canvas.
- Campus Portal is updated regularly with assignments and grades.

<u>Parents</u>: If you do not have a Portal login, please check with the office. It is an important tool for keeping you updated on your student's progress.