**SOCIAL STUDIES 8**

World Civilizations (500-1600 CE)

Ms. McDade

Fall 2016



This year in grade 8, we will explore over 1000 years of history across the globe. We will look at our past to see how the environment, discoveries, technologies, politics, society and culture of previous civilizations have influenced our present life. We will look at the Middle Ages, the Arab World, world religions the Renaissance, and other civilisations in Asia, Africa and America. We will look closely at human behavior, including our own, and will be keeping each other up to date on current events around the world.

During the semester, you will research chosen topics in teams and on your own. Assignments will involve both written and oral presentations. Smaller assignments (reading, note taking, worksheets, mapping, current event presentations, etc.) will be given throughout the semester. Most assignments are done in class, but students should expect to do some reading and complete unfinished assignments at home.

You, as a student, are required to recall, think critically, analyze and evaluate the materials provided in order to gain the knowledge and skills needed to advance to Social Studies 10.

Student Materials (required for each class):

* Text book – *Pathways: Civilizations Through Time*
* Pen, pencil, eraser, highlighter
* Binder with paper and dividers
* USB memory stick

Evaluation:

* Assignments, projects, tests and quizzes 70%
* Final exam 15%
* Final project 15%

Expectations

* Be organized
* Be punctual
* Be prepared
* Be positive
* Be productive
* Participate
* Do class work/ homework
* Be respectful of people and space
* Be responsible for work/ time you have missed

Contact

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