

7 Arctic Individuals and Societies

--- COURSE SYLLABUS 2018-2019 ---

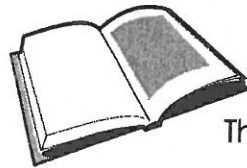
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This social studies class will focus on the study of the Eastern Hemisphere through geography, history, economics, and civics. We will study early civilizations through the Middle Ages to learn how humans have interacted and progressed over time.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Project-based class; fewer formal tests/quizzes
- More student choice in how learning is demonstrated
- Connect historical events to current times



REQUIRED MATERIALS

DUE IN CLASS FOR A GRADE ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 13**



- 1" or 1 1/2" 3-ring binder
- 1 pack of 5 binder dividers
- 1 1-subject spiral notebook

**These supplies will be kept IN class

**Students will need to have a writing utensil(s) AND planner every day

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Introduction to Geography
2. Early Human Life
3. Introduction to Government
4. Ancient River Civilizations
5. Ancient Greece
6. Ancient Rome
7. Global Economics
8. Middle Ages in Europe

GRADING - 2 CATEGORIES

Content Knowledge: What a student knows and is able to demonstrate in relation to the curriculum and four IB criteria. These grades are on an 8-point scale. Rubrics are provided for assessments and major assignments.

Work Habits: How a student works to take ownership of their learning and behavior. Ex: completes work, prepared, participates, follows PACK behavior. Graded on a 4-point scale.



Policies & Expectations

HOMEWORK/LATE WORK POLICY



Homework:

Will be occasionally assigned – mostly work that has not been completed in class. Homework and due dates are written on the white board and team calendar. Students are responsible for writing down the assignment and due date in their planner!

Late work:

All work is expected to be turned in on time. Work that is turned in late will be docked for Work Habits. Late work will be accepted until the final day of the unit.

ABSENCES/MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to get all make-up work.

Students should check the Team Homework Calendar. Digital copies of make-up work can be accessed under *Unit Handouts & Materials* on the class website.

-- Students can find make-up work in the red "While You Were Absent" folders in the classroom.

-- Students have a day for each day absent to complete and turn in make-up work. Due dates do not change if set before the absence occurred.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. RESPECT, RESPECT, RESPECT!

Treat all teachers, peers, and guests in classroom with respect at all times.

2. **Have a positive attitude!** Class will be more exciting and fun when you come with a positive attitude; promise!

3. **Follow PACK behaviors:** Prepared, Actively engaged, Cooperative, Kind & safe. This helps maintain a safe and open learning environment for everyone. **Students earn a weekly PACK grade in Social Studies class.**

4. **Be accountable for your actions and words.** Your work and behavior is YOURS – do not blame others; it's okay to make mistakes. We are ALL growing!

5. **NO technology** should be used in class unless Mrs. Carson gives permission. See RVMS Cell Phone/Device Policy!

RAFFLE REWARD PROGRAM

At the end of the quarter, students will earn raffle tickets for a chance to win fun prizes! Students earn tickets based on their positive Work Habits... the more tickets means a greater chance to win! 😊

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| No missing or late work for the quarter | 4 tickets |
| 1 missing assignment for quarter | 2 tickets |
| 2 missing or multiple late assignments for quarter | 1 ticket |

*It's okay to not know,
but it's not okay to not
try!*

*Please return this completed page by Tuesday, August 14. Students need to complete the website scavenger hunt below and sign that they understand the syllabus and class expectations. *Parents/guardians please also read through the syllabus and sign that you too understand the class expectations and how to use the class website.

MRS. CARSON'S WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT! Follow these steps to access Mrs. Carson's website so that you know how to access it throughout the year! Then, complete the scavenger hunt questions to prove you know how to navigate it!

Step One: Go to the RVMS website. Search RVMS on Google and click on the first link.

Step Two: Go to the Teams/Departments tab and select "7 Arctic".

Step Three: Scroll down to Social Studies and click on my name "Becky Carson". **You have arrived!**

- 1) **Read the whole home page.** What is the code word? _____
- 2) What is the name of Mrs. Carson's puppy? _____
- 3) The Team Homework Calendar can be accessed from the class website. Where ELSE can you find this calendar? _____
- 4) On the calendar page, find the information on August 13. What is the homework for that day for S.S.?

- 5) Where are 2 helpful places on the website to check if you are absent from class?

- 6) Click on the "Unit Handouts & Materials" tab; this has all of the separate unit pages. What topic will we learn about in Unit 6? _____
- 7) What 4 civilizations will we learn about in Unit 4? _____

- 8) On which page can you find an extra copy of the syllabus to download/print? _____
- 9) **Read the whole Individuals/Societies & IB page.** What are the 4 IB Criteria for Individuals & Societies (Social Studies)? _____

I have read and I understand the expectations for Mrs. Carson's Social Studies class and will adhere to them. I feel comfortable navigating the website in order to use it as a resource for the school year.

Student Name Printed: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____