

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy
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Queens, NY 11105

Class: 7th Grade Social Studies

Teacher: Mr. Cain

Course Description: Welcome to 7th Grade Social Studies!! The 7th Grade Social Studies curriculum covers early American History of the early 1600s to the conclusion of the Civil War in 1865. Students will grasp chronological reasoning and examine the development of colonial societies in North America based on economic, social and political factors. An emphasis of the course will be placed on analyzing primary and secondary sources pertaining to civic ideals and practices leading to American Independence and the formation of the Constitution along with the shift from a mercantile to a capitalistic society during the Industrial Revolution. 7th Grade Social Studies also consists of students understanding how social and economic inequalities led to the birth of reform movements and the rise of sectionalism which resulted in the Civil War.

Class Policies/Procedures:

Homework: Homework will be given 3 to 4 times a week and should take roughly 30 minutes to complete. Homework is graded based on a check system ranging from a check plus or fully completed homework, check minus or incomplete homework to a zero for non-submission of homework. Students can make up homework with excused absences.

Tests: Tests are given every 2 weeks based on content covered in the Social Studies curriculum. Students will be given one-week notification before a test and receive a test review session prior to the test. Tests must be signed by a parent.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given frequently to ensure student understanding of content knowledge in Social Studies. Students will receive one day notification before a quiz is administered. Quizzes must be signed by a parent.

Projects: A Social Studies project will be assigned 1-2 times each trimester in order to provide students with the opportunity to explore a topic or theme in Social Studies in greater depth utilizing creativity and content knowledge acquired from class. A criteria sheet will be distributed to students regarding each assigned project. Students will be assigned in-class and independent projects at the discretion of the instructor. A research project will be assigned during the final quarter. Students will be taught research skills and citations based on the MLA format.

Class Participation: Students are expected to participate regularly in classroom learning activities, discussions and group work. Questions are always encouraged.

Classroom Conduct: Students will be respectful and courteous to both peers and the instructor during class sessions. Attentiveness to instructions is essential for a successful class setting.

Positive Note: Last, but not least, it is an honor to have each student in 7th Grade Social Studies. If any student is struggling in Social Studies, I am more than happy to speak to and assist any student, in need of additional academic or personal support.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to having a great year together!!

Mr. Cain

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” – Winston Churchill