



7th Grade World Geography Ancient Civilizations Course Syllabus

Course Information:

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Online Textbook: Ancient Civilizations Through the Renaissance; 2012
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Course Description:

This course will trace human history from the origins of the universe through the Middle Ages. The curriculum is designed to be taught by following the trends that humans exhibit globally, regardless of region, as they transition from bands of nomads, to a pastoral lifestyle, to expansive and powerful empires. Each unit is a phase in that development. Specific regions will be visited and revisited in lessons as they progress through the various stages. The intent is to present a high level view of human history while still examining specific influential people and their interactions.

Materials Needed in the Classroom:

Everyday, students are expected to bring their materials. Rochester Community Schools provides all necessary materials for curricular classes. Most students prefer to have individual supplies to use while in the classroom, therefore the following items are recommended: 1 inch-3 ring binder; 6 dividers; notebook paper; student scissors; sharpened pencils; highlighter; glue stick; pencil pouch; colored pencils; and colored pen.

Class Requirements:

Students are expected to participate in class and need to complete all assignments thoroughly and on time. Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a loss of credit for that assignment or quiz/test. In order to maintain a safe and positive environment at Van Hoosen, students are expected to adhere to the code of conduct. It is also expected that students be respectful to each other, themselves, and to the classroom materials provided while in my classroom.

Grading:

Grading is based on the weighted scale below. Grades for assignments are posted in Google Classroom and in Synergy.

Tests, Projects, Current Events	40%
Quizzes & Assignments	30%
Homework	20%
Homework Completion/Participation	10%

RCS Secondary Grading Scale:

100-93%	A	76-73%	C
92-90%	A-	72-70%	C-
89-87%	B+	69-67%	D+
86-83%	B	66-63%	D
82-80%	B-	62-60%	D-
79-77%	C+	59-0%	E

Late Work/Absent Work:

If an assignment is late it will be reduced by 1 full grade. If a student is absent when an assignment is given, they will have two days after their initial absence to make up any missing assignments. **Some assignments cannot be turned in late (THIS INCLUDES CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATIONS, Homework Completion/Participation, and Extra Credit assignments.**

Home/School Connection:

If you have any questions throughout the school year, please contact me at my school email address: thawkins@rochester.k12.mi.us

Classroom Website: <http://mrshawkinsvh.weebly.com/>

REMIND message App

This APP allows me to send reminder messages. It is very helpful for homework, absences or just to keep the lines of communication open. You and your 7th grader will want to sign up for this free service.

(text the code below to 81010)

1st Hour - @hawkinsvh1

2nd Hour - @hawkinsvh2

3rd Hour - @hawkinsvh3

4th Hour - @hawkinsvh4

5th Hour - @hawkinsvh5

Zoom Class Meetings (zoom links are posted in Google Classroom on Stream tab)

1st Hour = Monday at 8:30am and Thursday at 8:30am

2nd Hour = Monday at 10:30am and Thursday at 10:30am

3rd Hour = Monday at 12:30am and Thursday at 12:30am

4th Hour = Tuesday at 8:30am and Friday at 8:30am

5th Hour = Tuesday at 10:30am and Friday at 10:30am

Zoom Office Hours (zoom link is also posted in Google Classroom on Stream tab)

Office hours: Wednesday from 2:00-3:00/feel free to pop in as needed

SYNERGY (ParentVUE & StudentVUE)

Parents and students can access grades and attendance at Van Hoosen through the SYNERGY Parentvue/ Studentvue website. Please download the app on your smartphone or log in to <https://rcsvue.rochester.k12.mi.us/>

Online Textbook

Students will not be issued a textbook to take home for this course. We will all use the online textbook which has some awesome interactive features.

Textbook website: <https://my.hrw.com/>

Username: (your regular RCS username with an **h** at the end) ex.thawki3456h

Password: holtstudents

OR you can access Textbook page files that are READ ONLY on our Classroom webpage <http://mrshawkinsvh.weebly.com/>

I look forward to working with you and your 7th Grader this upcoming year!

Ms. Tina Hawkins