

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies: Civics & Geography



## Course Overview

Welcome to a course that's 2 classes in one! Seventh grade Social Studies consists of **Civics** during the first semester (Quarters 1 and 2) and **Geography** during the second semester (Quarters 3 and 4).

In **Civics**, we will explore our governmental, legal, and economic systems in addition to current events in order to become informed, responsible citizens. During **Geography**, we will gain an understanding of the physical and cultural geography of the world.

*Ready to get started?!*



## Class Website

All class readings, resources, and assignments will be available on **Schoolology**. Log on to [mcpss.schoolology.com](http://mcpss.schoolology.com) with your MCPSS username and password.

## Use of Electronic Devices



We will use digital content and educational technology tools frequently, so please bring your Chromebook and charger every day. Devices are to be used for classwork and approved purposes only (and not for games, YouTube, and surfing unauthorized websites!). You may not take pictures, record videos, or chat with others unless permission has been given for specific assignments. **CELL PHONES** will NOT be used. They must be powered off and put away while at school.



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## Remind Updates



Sign up to get reminders about upcoming tests and important info! Text @remindVDB to the number 81010 or go to [www.remind.com/join/remindVDB](http://www.remind.com/join/remindVDB).

## Supplies



- Earbuds/headphones
- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Pencils/pens
- Notebook/binder (may be shared with another class)



## Grading

All of your effort in class will be assessed, but not everything will be graded. Your final average each quarter will come from your grades in the following categories:  
**Major Grades (Tests, Papers, Projects): 60%**  
**Minor Grades (Classwork): 40%**  
 Incomplete work will be coded as a "1" in the gradebook and indicates that it must be made up in accordance with school policy.  
 End of Quarter Tests will NOT be given this school year.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

- Unit 1: Citizenship
- Unit 2: Foundations of Government
- Unit 3: The U.S. Constitution
- Unit 4: The Bill of Rights & Amendments
- Unit 5: Citizens and the Law

## Civics



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

- Unit 6: Branches of Government
- Unit 7: Political Parties, Voting, & Elections
- Unit 8: State and Local Government
- Unit 9: Economics and Personal Finance

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

- Unit 1: The World/Geography Introduction
- Unit 2: North America
- Unit 3: Central America
- Unit 4: South America
- Unit 5: Europe

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

- Unit 6: Russia & Eurasia
- Unit 7: Sub-Saharan Africa
- Unit 8: Southwest Asia & N. Africa
- Unit 9: South Asia
- Unit 10: East Asia
- Unit 11: Southeast Asia
- Unit 12: Australia, Pacific Realm, & Antarctica

## Geography



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