

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

7th & 8th Grade Social Studies
with Ms. Zimmerman



CURRENT EVENTS

Over the first quarter students have been developing discipline specific writing skills relating to current events. Each week students analyze a news article. I have been so impressed with the thoughtful analysis. The students are working to connect current events with our historical content. This activities helps students become more engaged citizens and to develop the disciplinary skills of a historian

DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

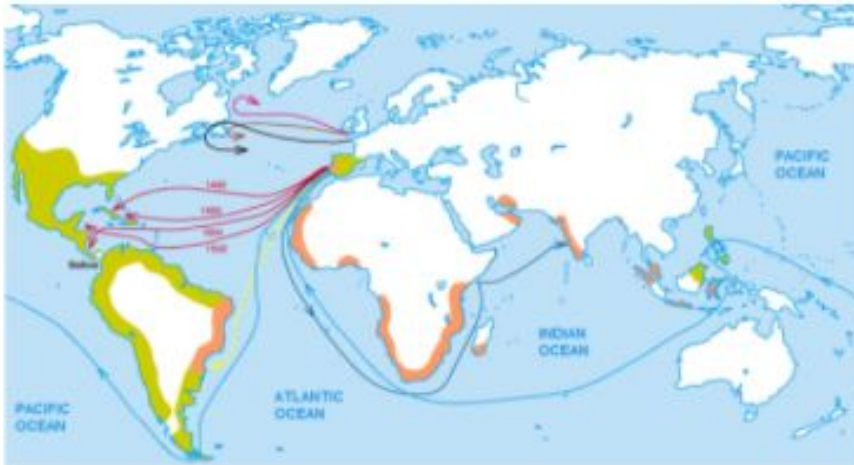
General Expectations

I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to move to the 7th & 8th grade social studies position. I am passionate about history, civics, and facilitating student learning in these areas. Working with your students over the last few months has been great! I'm so happy that I have begun to develop relationships with every student.

As we transition to remote learning we will utilize a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning activities. Students are expected to attend all class zoom meetings and have all activities completed by the due date. Having students prepare asynchronously will allow for greater discussion and participation during zoom meetings.

7TH GRADE

Early American History



In 7th grade we began our study with the Indigenous people of the Western Hemisphere. We looked at the cultures of the Aztec, Inca, Maya, and Olmec. We also looked at the Indigenous people of North America. After a look at these cultures we moved into a study on the impacts of European exploration.

We will be continuing to look at the effects of exploration, but will now be focusing on the colonization of the Western Hemisphere and the founding of the United States.

8TH GRADE

The American Civil War & Reconstruction

In 8th grade we began our study with the American Civil War. Students looked through a variety of primary sources. We focused on visual literacy skills, source analysis, and identifying cause and effect relationships. Students worked on disciplinary writing and continued to enhance their content specific vocabulary.

We now are moving into a study on the Reconstruction Era. Students will learn about the impact of the reunification of the United States and how this era has had a lasting effect on our society today.

