# **7th Grade World History Syllabus**

**Course Length:** Half Year
 **Instructor:** Mr. Schultz
 **Room:**614
 **Email:** Through Google Classroom

## **Course Description**

In 7th Grade World History, we will explore the major civilizations, cultures, and events that shaped our world from ancient to early modern times. Students will learn how geography, culture, government, and technology influenced societies and compare how people across the world solved problems, built communities, and created lasting legacies.

## **Units of Study**

1. Introduction to History & Geography

	* What is history?
	* Using maps and timelines
	* Sources: primary vs. secondary
2. The Fall of Rome & the Rise of New Empires

	* Byzantine Empire
	* Rise of Islam
	* Medieval Europe
3. Civilizations of Africa, Asia & the Americas

	* West African kingdoms
	* China’s dynasties
	* Maya, Aztec, and Inca empires
4. The Renaissance & Reformation

	* Humanism and art
	* Printing revolution
	* Religious changes in Europe
5. Exploration & Global Exchange

	* Age of Exploration
	* Columbian Exchange
	* Impacts on Europe, Africa, and the Americas
6. The Early Modern World

	* Absolutism and revolutions
	* Enlightenment ideas
	* Path to the modern world

## **Classroom Expectations**

* Be **respectful**: of yourself, your classmates, and our classroom.
* Be **responsible**: come prepared with materials and assignments.
* Be **engaged**: participate in discussions, group work, and activities.

**Grading Policy**

* **Classwork & Participation&Homework/Projects:** 25%
* **Quizzes:** 25%
* **Tests:** 50%

## **Materials Needed**

* Notebook or binder for notes
* Lined Paper
* Pencil/pen
* Folder for handouts
* Charged device (if applicable)

## **Skills You Will Build**

* Analyzing primary and secondary sources
* Writing clear historical arguments
* Understanding cause and effect in history
* Connecting past events to today’s world

## **Why World History Matters**

History helps us see connections between cultures, understand current events, and become thoughtful citizens of the world.