

## What about attendance and citizenship?

The school attendance policy will be followed, as will other school policies, particularly in matters not covered by this outline.

Bullying, harassment, and other forms of mistreatment will never be allowed in this class. If you or a classmate is being mistreated, tell me (or leave an anonymous note) as soon as possible. If you are a bully, **STOP IT**. If you witness bullying, **REPORT IT**. If it's reported to me, I will **TAKE ACTION**. Take care of each other.



Regarding citizenship, I repeat the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

“The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight.”

To pull your weight around here you, need to learn history as well as you can and be considerate of everyone else in the class. Students must also be willing to participate in class discussions.

### Basic Rights

We all have the right to respect. This goes hand in hand with our school philosophy of *take care of yourself, take care of each other and take care of this place*. Our classroom right to respect is in accordance with our school-wide policy of classroom expectations listed below.

| Take Care of Yourself   | Take Care of Each Other  | Take Care of This Place  |
|---|--|--|
| *Be prepared<br>*Give your best effort.<br>*Follow all staff directions the first time given.<br>*Speak when it's your turn | *Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.<br>*Respect other students and staff.<br>*Listen when others are speaking. | *Use appropriate language.<br>*Take care of your personal belongings and clean up after yourself.<br>*Treat classroom furniture respectfully |

## Team Website - <[www.adventureteam.info](http://www.adventureteam.info)>

We have developed a team website that will help to keep both parents and students updated and informed. We will try to keep it updated on a weekly basis at a minimum. Students will be able to access assignments, lessons, upcoming events, etc. Please use this tool to your advantage.

There will be an email link for each teacher on this page. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



## Parents

As your child's teacher, I am dedicated to his/her success during this school year. Parental interest and involvement in your child's progress is important. Please contact me at Eagle Rock Middle School if you have any questions or concerns. The best way to contact me is by email ([owenrich@d91.k12.id.us](mailto:owenrich@d91.k12.id.us)). I will usually respond within 24 hours. You may also contact me by phone at (208) 525-7700.

Different supplies will be needed throughout the year to improve the learning environment through different activities. If you are willing and able to help purchase supplies, please contact me via email

I welcome your suggestions and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Let's make it a great year.



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## World Studies

### Course Description & Syllabus



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# World Studies Course Description

## Why should I learn World History?

In this course we will investigate the history, culture and geography of ancient civilizations focusing on the cultures in the Eastern Hemisphere. Our goal is to understand and appreciate the diversity of culture and geography and how these things influence political, economic and global decisions.

## What will we study?

**T1**—Maps, Geography, Historical Resources, Pre-History, Neolithic Revolution, Chronological Thinking

**T2**—Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Israel

**T3**—Modern Middle East and North Africa, Ancient India, Ancient China, Modern South Asia and China

Students must read one book, short story, or magazine article (teacher will have some on hand) per unit on the current unit topic. AR tests or article reports will be accepted as evidence of assignment completion.

## What book will we use?

Our textbook for this year will be World: Adventures in Time and Place. A textbook will be checked out to each student at the start of the year. Please take this textbook home and leave it. Please do not leave it in your locker. Please take care of this book and do not lose it. The lost textbook fee is \$50.

## What will I be graded on?

Students will be given a variety of assignments, quizzes, and tests and other assessments to achieve course objectives and standards. Students will be graded based on Idaho State and District 91 Social Studies standards as well as the Common Core Standards. These standards can be found on the class website. In this class, **Failure is Not an Option**.

## Homework / Make up Work

Homework **may** be given two or three times a week and must be handed in on time. Students not completing their assignments will be referred to Lunch Makeup time until the assignment is completed. Late work may result in additional consequences.

Students are responsible for finding out homework missed due to absence. Students missing class for school related activities must pick up homework prior to the absence. This work must be handed in upon returning to school.

Students are allowed two days for each day absent to complete make up work, up to 5 days. The teacher will work with students on homework late due to extenuating circumstances.

All work must be turned in by the end of the unit of study or it will not be accepted. At the end of each unit there will be an assessment of knowledge. Students not doing well on an assessment **may** be given the opportunity to redemonstrate the knowledge from the assessment. This reassessment may be different from the original and may require additional work to show proficiency in the course objectives.

## Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty is not tolerated. Assignments will be redone and parents will be contacted to discuss further outcomes.



## Notebooks

Your notebook is going to be your most important tool. Every student will be required to have a 3 ring notebook that can be shared with other classes. Students also need a composition notebook to keep all notes from class in. It is also required that every student has a box of colored pencils, a pen, and a pencil in class every day. Students must have a “PEN” to write with daily. The teacher will not provide pens and students will be marked tardy if they come to class without one.

## Beginning/Ending Class

Class begins the moment you walk in the door. Sit in your assigned seat, Class will begin with bellwork. Read the daily Learning Targets. Students not entering appropriately will be asked to leave the classroom and re-enter.

The Clock does not dismiss you. Students will leave only after being excused by the teacher.

## Tardies

Students are expected to be in the classroom, in their seats, and ready to begin class at designated class start times. The school tardy policy will be followed.

## Classroom Management/Discipline

It is my belief that students should play a major role in the learning process. Part of this is in classroom management and discipline. We will be discussing this the first week of class. Students will have the opportunity to assist in setting up classroom expectations and consequences for not following those expectations.

## Hall Passes

Hall passes will be limited to extreme emergencies. The administration would like to limit the use of hall passes. Going back to your locker is not an emergency and will not be allowed. Students arriving at class unprepared will be marked tardy.

## Cell Phones / Electronic Devices

School policy will be strictly enforced. These devices can play a very important role in the learning process but should only be used requested by the teacher. Cell phones and electronic devices that are used inappropriately in class will be confiscated and turned in to the office. When you enter the classroom, place your phone, face down, in the corner of your table. Phones need to be turned off, not just silenced.