

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

COURSE OUTLINE

SUBJECT: Individuals and Societies

GRADE: 7

Offered: Full Year

Type of Course: Required

Social Studies 7 is the first year of a two-year survey course in United States History. The course begins with a study of the Pre-Columbia Era and ends with the Civil War. Students will study the curriculum in chronological order; beginning with how the early inhabitants of the Americas lived and how life changed with the introduction of European peoples and their culture. Important skills will be learned throughout the course of the year, which will allow students to develop as historians and be prepared for future courses in social studies. Both traditional and alternative assessments are utilized throughout the course, and each student is encouraged to utilize their individual talents. Constant connections are made between the time periods studied and the world students live in today.

Anticipated student outcomes: *Student outcomes for the social studies curriculum can be found at <https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-k-12-social-studies-framework>. Below are the topics being covered during the school year.*

Materials required or used:

Instructional Texts

- *History of Us*
- *History Alive!*
- *Junior Scholastic Magazine*

Videos

- Freedom a History of US – Video Series
- America: The Story of Us – Video Series
- United Streaming: Discovery Education- Online Videos

Student Supplies

- Classwork folder (kept in the classroom)
- Highlighter
- Pen/pencils
- Chromebook
- Headphones

Criteria for grading:

Grades are based on total points earned per quarter. Grades will be the percentage of total points earned, out of the total possible points. Students' grades will reflect their participation and performance on projects, quizzes, tests, and homework assignments. Assessments and project make up 65% of the grade. All other assignments count for 35% of the grade.

Graded work is posted on the Parent Portal. When assignments are submitted, the code "AR" indicates that I have received the assignment. If an assignment is not submitted, the code "MA" indicates the assignment is missing. If a student is excused from an assignment, the code "EX" will be entered, along with a comment indicating why the student was excused from the assignment. Please check the Parent Portal periodically, to ensure that your child is up to date with their work.

Opportunities for Enrichment:

Books

- Various historical fiction and non-fiction books are available for students to read in our "Book Corner."

Online Resources

- History Channel: <https://www.history.com/>
- iCivics: <https://www.icivics.org/games>
- Crash Course US History:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmepBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s>
- Hip Hughes American History Overview:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrKUCncCyBgEdxWAtri5hg>