Welcome to Mrs. Crechiolo’s 7th Grade Social Studies Class –Ancient World History!

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to a new school year at Stout Middle School! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children, which surely promises to bring with it, many new experiences and challenges. In order to make the year a successful one, teamwork and cooperation will be required by all. As your son or daughter’s teacher, it is my goal to help him/her become a confident learner and I will do my best to help make this year a positive experience for your child.

I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming year and I am confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel. To stay connected at home, I have a blog available in which you can subscribe to by email. I will be updating the blog frequently about what is going in my classroom. From my blog, you will be able to download homework assignments as well. You can access my blog from [http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/crechim/](http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/rancilm/). If you have any questions now or at anytime in the future, don’t hesitate to contact me at the school on my school email crechim@dearbornschools.org or by the school’s phone number.

Additional information about the class is attached to this syllabus. Please read the syllabus with your child and sign the detachable portion on the bottom of this letter in order to indicate your understanding of my classroom. I encourage you to keep it as well for a future reference.

Hope to hear from you all soon,

Mrs. Crechiolo

**Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Hour\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHY SOCIAL STUDIES?**

According to the National Council for Social Studies “The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.”

**Suggested Materials**

For my class you will need:

1. Planner
2. Multiple Pens/Pencils
3. Folder/Section in a binder for Social Studies ONLY
4. Notebook for Social Studies ONLY
5. A book cover if possible
6. Glue Stick
7. Sticky Notes
8. AVID Binder – Required for program
9. Good Attitude☺

\*Note – if you are unable to get any of these items please let me know as soon as possible! ☺

**As a student, you are responsible for following the classroom expectations and procedures:**

**Procedures**

**What to bring to class everyday: Writing utensils(pen or pencil), planner, notebook, folder, textbook (you will get this in October), AVID Binder (AVID students), and a good attitude.**

Side Note - Notebook- you are expected to keep a notebook in my class. We will be going over how to set up in class. Your notebook will be a grade that will be checked every card marking. There is a class copy of the notebook that is pink and labeled, “7th grade Class Copy”. Make sure this is with you every single day.

Start of Class – Upon walking into my class, you are expected to sit in your assigned seat. You will then check the promethean board under the day’s BellWork(BW), you will write your homework for the day in your planner. You will then begin that day’s BellWork. During this time I will be walking around to STAMP your BellWork. This is how you will earn a point a day. If you are tardy, do not have a planner, do not have a writing utensil, or not focused on the BellWork, you will lose your point for the day. This point cannot be earned back, but you can always try again the next day. After I am done stamping, we will check the BellWork as a class. \*Note – If you are absent, you are responsible for making up that day’s BellWork.

During Class – After BW is complete our day will begin. We will read the AIM on the Promethean followed by the Content and Language Objectives of the day. Our days will be filled with lesson plans that will take up the entire hour. Our classes will have different types of learning activities that include using the computer, iPad’s, projects, lectures, and cooperative learning.

End of Class – At the end of class, on my call, we will put back together the room the way we found it. To leave my classroom, all floors must be cleaned, chairs pushed in, and standing quietly until I dismiss you table by table.

**Expectations** Everyday in my class, the following expectations are required to be followed:

 **-You are expected to be on time every single day for my class. No exceptions.**

-When I want your attention, I will count back from 3, 2, 1. At one you should be in your ASSIGNED seat, eyes on me, and ready to listen for directions.

-When asking questions or making comments in this classroom, you must raise your hand and wait for an adult to call on you to speak. We will be doing a lot of assignments that include discussion this year. Everyone deserves a fair chance to speak, let’s give everyone the respect of listening and remaining quiet while someone else is speaking.

-I expect you to treat everyone with respect in my classroom. We do not bully others or put others down in my room. If you are caught putting down another student, you will be required to give 3 compliments in return. Moral of the story – Stay focused on Social Studies and not surrounding drama. Swearing – We do not swear in my classroom. We are in middle school. Just think “Would my mother or father let me talk that way?” Whether or not the answer is no, we do not swear in my classroom.

-Cooperative learning – We will be doing a great deal of cooperative, “Group” learning. Groups may vary from random, choosing a partner, or working with your table. During group learning, you will need to be cooperative with one another for the task that needs to be done. I expect all groups to be on task and working together. You can and will lose positive participation points from this.

-If at anytime we leave this room to go to a computer lab, outside, or the auditorium, we will walk as a class in a straight line quietly to our destination. We are an example to others.

-Treat this room with respect. This means cleaning up after yourself. I refuse to dismiss a class unless the classroom looks like what it did at the beginning of the hour. We are a team, so we will work as one. Please do not write on the desks. Think of it as me writing on your kitchen table at home. Would your parents like that? No. So I expect the same out of you for the desks in this room. If the writing on my desk becomes a problem you will be required to wipe down the desks.

-Forgot your materials? – If you forget something in your locker, please let me know the sooner the better. Whether it is your homework, a pencil, a book, etc. Extra pencils can be found on the ledge of my chalkboard. Extra copies of assignments may be found in the 7th grade pink binder near the notebook.

-You are more than welcome to use my lotion, hand sanitizers, tape, stapler, 3-hole punch, just ask! Please do not touch various items or objects around the room, computers, drawers, my desk, etc. unless I have instructed you to do so.

-Emergency Drills – **During any type of emergency drill, we need to take things seriously.** We will follow the directions on the wall by the door depending on the different drill. If you do not follow a drill seriously, **an automatic detention will be given.**

-Visitors/Phone Calls/Announcements – From time to time, we will receive phone calls, visitors and announcements. If I am in the middle of the lesson and have to take the phone call, greet the visitor or listen to an announcement, I will expect you to be quiet for that time being, unless I have stated otherwise.

-Stepping out of the room – If for any reason I have to step out of the room, I expect the class to continue the task they are working on. No exceptions.

-Bathroom passes: Please use good judgment when asking to use the bathroom. I know who I see in the hallways on a daily basis, and who is leaving my classroom to fool around. **You will need your planner to use the bathroom, or leave my room period.**

-Please do not ZOMBIE walk my classroom. We will have plenty of time to work outside of your seats, save it for then. If you must get up, please ask me to get up. (example – tissue, pencil sharpener, etc)

**-Bins/Buckets/Class Notebook/Class Binder -** *The black bin on the table next to my desk is where you will turn in-class assignments, tests, and quizzes*. The bins on the table under the “Word Wall” have lined paper and white paper (white paper is used for word wall only). Feel free to use it, just ask. If you need scrap paper use the lined paper. The buckets on the shelf are labeled with your hours on them. This is where I will keep graded papers, until I am ready to have them passed back. There is a pink binder labeled **7th grade assignments,** you will find any missing assignments we would have incase you are absent or need a new one. There is also a classroom copy of our notebook we will be creating this year. If you are absent, you are responsible for getting the notes.

**-**There will be plenty of times where we work on assignments in class and you will finish early. If you finish early, you are expected NOT to disturb other students. What you can do when you are done is assist me, assist others, work on work for another class or read your silent reading book. I will usually focus your attention to the “To-Do” board.

**-Substitute rules- I expect you to treat the substitute the same way you treat me, with RESPECT. The same rules, procedures and expectations apply if I am not in the room. Make good choices. If you chose to misbehave while I am out, you will have an automatic call home, lunch detention, and an after school detention.**

-Tests – During tests or quizzes, you are expected to work on your assessment only. You are not talk during or after the test. If you are talking, I will assume you are cheating and your test score will result in a Zero. When you are finished with your test, read for another class or stay silent. You were given peace and quiet during your test, so everyone deserves it until the last person is finished. Refer to the “To-do” board.

-Cheating – If you are caught cheating on any assignment, you will be given a ZERO. No further explanation needed. If more than one person is involved with cheating, both students will receive zeros. This includes the Internet. If you do not cite your sources when writing a research paper, I will find out and you will receive a zero. If you are caught cheating again, further action will be taken.

Technology- We will be using many different forms of technology in my class. You are expected to only go on the websites or places I tell you to go to. You will be assigned a technology number, use this one only unless I state otherwise. Doing otherwise can and will result in a lower grade or not using technology at all. Your cellphones will not be used in class either. If I see it, I will take it until the end of the day per office regulations.

**Homework Procedure:**

* Homework is due the day after I assign it, unless I state otherwise.
* Forgot to do your homework? You will be filling out a form in the “Mrs. Crechiolo, I forgot to do your homework binder.” If filling out this form becomes a habit, it will result in a call home or an after school detention. You also could be facing a ZAP pass – “Zeros aren’t permitted” ,and will be staying to work with me at lunch until the assignment is finished.
* I do accept late work, however points may be taken off. At any time, you can turn it into the bin that says **Early/Absent/Late Bin.** This is also the **Absent bin,** So if you were absent or late with an assignment put it in the bin. If you need to turn in an assignment early, you place it in there as well.
* If you were absent at anytime of the year, it is your responsibility to get the work. However, please check the blog and email me if you have any questions. Please see me ASAP if you are absent, the sooner we can get your work in the better.

**Grading:**

Your grades in this class will reflect effort and improvement in Social Studies. You will be graded on:

* Homework (Formative)
* BellWork (Formative) – Do not throw away any BellWorks this year! It will be used on a Final Exam!
* Positive Participation Points (100 Summative Points a Card Marking)
* Current Events – (Flocabulary/Jr. Scholastic- Twice a Card Marking 50 points)
* Notebook (Summative 100 points a card marking)
* Tests/Quizzes/Projects (Summative)

All assignments will be uploaded to my blog. If you are absent, please check it. If you do not have a printer, you are more than welcome to write the answers on a piece of paper. I will accept it!

Extra Credit – There will be extra credit offered in my class, but is not guaranteed.

I will be uploading grades frequently to keep you and your parents updated. I will also be posting grades in the classroom frequently.

