**North Gwinnett Middle School**

**Course Syllabus 2012-13**

**Course Title** 7th Grade Social Studies **Term** 2012-2013  
Teacher Mr. Mike Young room # 1.474

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| Teacher Support (Help sessions etc.) | Wednesday mornings, 8:30 AM |

### Course Description

7th grade Social Studies is a very challenging course, and students are expected to work to their full potential. Social Studies in 7th grade focuses on the geography, history, government, and economics of Southwest/Middle East, Africa and Eastern/Southern Asia.

### Course Curriculum Content

The entire list of Academic, Knowledge and Skills for each of the following curriculum strands in this course can be accessed through the district web address at **www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us**

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| **AKS Strands** | **Units/Topics** |
| 1. Geography 2. History 3. Government 4. Economics | 1. Southwest Asia 2. Africa 3. Southeast Asia |

### Instructional Materials

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| **Published Materials** |
| Holt Social Studies: Eastern World |

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| **Expectations for Academic Success** | **Additional Requirements/Resources** |
| -Study Notes a minimum of 15 minutes a night.  -Attend study parties and practice on study island.  -Be prepared every day with all necessary materials.  -Do all homework as assigned. | Materials Needed for Class:  Notebook  Notebook Paper  Pens  Pencils  Flash Drive  Glue Stick |

**Other Information**

**Evaluation and Grading**

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| **Grade Weights** | **Assignments** | **Grading Scale** |
| 50% Summative  35% Formative  5% Homework  10% Final | Summative Assignments: Unit Tests, Essays, Projects  Formative Assignments: Quizzes, Classwork, Projects, Daily Assignments | A: 90 and above  B: 80 – 89  C: 74 – 79  D: 70 – 73 U: 69 or below |

Please see reverse side of this page for more information.

**Code of Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to produce their own work and perform with integrity on all assessments. Cheating and plagiarism will result in severe consequences. Please see agenda book for full policy.

**Retake Policy:** Students have the opportunity to retake any two common assessments during the semester, per content area.

* The higher grade will be placed in the grade book.
* Before a retest can be issued, a re-teach packet will be given to the students to be completed before they can retake the test.
* Morning and afternoon detention time may be used for these retakes. Grade level retakes will be common assessments.

**Late Work Penalty:**

One Day Late = 10 point grade deduction

Two or more days late = 20 point grade deduction

Five or more days late = 50 points maximum

**Academic Referral:**

An Academic Referral is a tool for teachers to use when they have been unsuccessful at getting a student to complete an assignment /test, etc. Teachers complete the referral and give to the grade level Administrator prior to the end of a unit of study. Students receiving an Academic Referral will be issued an “Effort” grade of “N” on their report card.

**Teacher Specific Information:**

*The syllabus may be updated as needed throughout the semester, so please refer to teacher webpage for current and more specific information.*