

**Autrey Mill Middle School**  
**Course Syllabus for: Grade 7 Social Studies**

**Workbook Text:** 7th Grade Gallopade Social Studies Student Workbook by Carole Marsh

**Interactive Text:** Gallopade Clickbook – access via Classlink

Students will be issued individual workbooks this year. These resources will accompany any work shared by teachers through OneNote, Clickbook, Microsoft Teams, and other resources.

**Supplementary Novels:**

- A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park (Unit One Standards)
- Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (Unit Four Standards)

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Help sessions will be held Friday at 8:00am or by appointment. Students must be in the cafeteria by 7:55am to be picked up by a teacher.

**GRADING**

Grade Weight Percentage	Products Included
Major – 50%	Unit Tests, Major Projects
Minor – 40%	Quizzes, Minor projects
Practice-10%	Classwork, Homework, Practice

**MISSING WORK POLICY (page 6 of student agenda)**

Student Misses Work Due to Absence (Excused/Unexcused)

- Upon return to school, students will have an equal number of days as they were absent to complete any late/missing assignment, assessment, and/or task(s) for full credit.
- After the deadline of an equal number of days a student was absent, teachers may begin deducting points from a late/missing assignment, assessment, and/or task(s) (maximum 25% deduction).
- If a student fails to turn in a late/missing assignment, assessment, and/or task(s), then a zero may be entered in the grade book.

Student Present but Fails to Turn in Assignment, Assessment, and/or Task(s)

- Teachers may begin deducting points from a late/missing assignment, assessment, and/or task(s) (maximum 25% deduction).
  - One Day Late = 10% deduction
  - Two Days Late = 20% deduction
  - Three Days Late = 25% deduction
- If a student fails to turn in a late/missing assignment, assessment, and/or task(s), then a zero may be entered in the grade book.

For a full listing of learning goals, standards, and the course outline, please visit:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/GeorgiaStandards/Documents/Social-Studies-6-8-Georgia-Standards.pdf> pgs. 14-21

**Course Description:**

**Unit 1: Geography of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa:** This unit will focus on how the physical and cultural geography shapes the environment, nations, and people of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Students will practice locating political, physical, and regional features of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Environmental issues, the impact of location, climate, and physical characteristics on population distribution, and diverse culture characteristics of people who live in these regions will also be addressed in this unit.

**Unit 2: Government and Civic Elements of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa:** The focus of this unit is on major political developments, comparing and contrasting various forms of government, different forms of citizen participation in government, and how government instability impacts the ability to address issues confronting the Middle East, Asia, and Africa as well as the standard of living in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa.

**Unit 3: Economic Systems of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa:** Different economic systems, international trade, and factors that influence economic growth and development (and an examination of their presence or absence in various parts of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa) will be addressed in this unit.

**Unit 4: Historical Understandings in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa:** This unit will address continuity and change and the issues faced by peoples in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, during the 20th and 21st centuries.

**Unit 5: Personal Finance:** The focus of this unit is on making personal money management.