

# Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade World Geography and Ancient Civilizations with Mr. Massari

Room 233

I would like to welcome you to our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade World Geography and Ancient Civilizations class. We will begin our class with a reflection of your own history and on how the geography of Hull has influenced your culture. We will then review how to read maps and timelines. As we go through the year will work together to answer many essential questions such as...

What is a civilization?

How does geography influence the way people live?

Why do civilizations rise and fall?

How did the innovations of ancient civilizations impact the way that we live today?

How does trade impact civilizations?

What is a surplus and why is it important for the growth of civilizations?

How do periods of war impact civilizations?



# 7th Grade Social Studies

During 7th grade we will continue the study of ancient civilizations. We will leave the Fertile Crescent and Egypt and look east to study South Asia and Ancient India. We will then continue east through China, Australia and New Zealand. We will end our year with the study of ancient Greece and Rome. We will learn how these cultures have influenced our lives today. I look forward to a productive and enjoyable learning journey into our world and what it means to be human.

## Social Study Skills

Timeline reading

Map reading/geography

Reading informational texts

Classroom discussion

Note taking and annotations

Essay writing

Citing a source

Study skills

Vocabulary



# Grading

15% Classwork/ Homework/Class Participation	Students are expected to work diligently to complete classwork during the class period. Any classwork that is not completed in class may be turned in the following day. This will be graded on effort and completeness. Prior to quizzes and tests homework will consist of study time to prepare. All students are expected to participate in classroom readings, discussions and activities.
20% Quizzes	Chapter quizzes will be administered periodically to assess students.
25% Projects and Writing Assignments	We will be working on several writing assignments throughout the school year. Students are expected to pass in all written work with proper spelling, capitalization and punctuation to receive full credit.
40% Tests	Assessments will consist of unit tests that will be graded for accuracy.

## Late Assignments

Assignments will be reduced by 10% for each school day the assignment is late. Work that is 5 days or more late will receive a maximum grade of 50%. Any assignments that are outstanding at the end of the term can be graded as a zero. **Please make sure to get your work in in time!**

# Communication and Extra Help

I encourage students who need extra support to schedule a time to meet after class. I will be in my room most days until 3:45 pm.

While I am tasked with educating students about Geography and Ancient Civilizations, I feel that it is my duty to help guide you to be better students and better citizens. I am here as a resource not just for academics, but also for other questions or concerns that you might have. If I cannot help I will be able to point you to the appropriate person.

Please send all emails to: [amassari@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:amassari@town.hull.ma.us)

Phone number: 781-925-2040 X2233

I will return emails and voicemails within 24 hours.

\*\*\*\*\*By signing this document I affirm that I have read and understand the information contained within its pages. Additionally, I will try my best to abide by and follow all classroom expectations and policies.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_