**Course Syllabus for Seventh Grade Social Studies 2015-2016**

**Putnam County Middle School**

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**Course Description**

With the start of a new school year comes great hopes and dreams and I am anticipating a great school year. I have high expectations, both academically and behaviorally, and I know that we all benefit if we stay focused on success and take care of the matters at hand. Students will examine Africa and Asia and will explore how these regions contain some of the most rapidly growing economies of our age. Each of the strands helps students understand the cultural, history, the past and the present of these regions.

**Units of Study**

1. Course Introduction

2. Southwest Asia (Middle East)

3. Southern and Eastern Asia

4. Africa

5. How can I be responsible with my money?

**Evaluation:**

* Grades will be calculated in three categories using the following components:
  + Minor Grades: Minor grades will be weighted as 60% of the final average. Included in this category will be homework, class work, notebook reviews and quizzes.
  + Major Grades: Major grades will be weighted as 40% of the final average. Included in this category will be tests, projects, essays, and/or culminating activities.

***Attendance:***

Students who have been absent are responsible for determining what work has been missed the day he/she returns to school. Students have three (3) days following an absence to return makeup work for each day they are absent. Makeup work must be turned in at the beginning of the class period.

***Classroom Policies and Procedures:***

As mentioned earlier, the expectation for behavior is high. Order has to be in place for the learning process to flourish. Students learn best and teachers provide the best instruction in an orderly environment. In accordance with this philosophy, students will agree to the following:

* Show respect to teachers, others, the classroom, and yourself
* Be on time, be on task, and be prepared
* Follow directions the **first** time they are given
* Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak
* Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to your yourself
* No food or drink in the classroom

***Parent Contact:*** Parents will be contacted throughout the year as needed. Phone calls and conferences will be conducted between 11:00am – 12:00pm. Please call the office during regular school hours to schedule a conference. **E-mail is the best way to get in touch with me**. I will do my best to answer e-mails within one business day. In your e-mail on subject line please include the name of the student.

***Materials:***

* 2 – 1.5 inch Binder with notebook paper and refills as needed for the year.
* Black or Blue Pen
* # 2 pencils / Mechanical Pencils
* Personal Erasers
* Personal pencil sharpeners
* Lead Refill for Mechanical Pencils
* Colored Pencils / Markers
* Glue sticks / Scissors / Rulers
* Flash drive (2GB min.)
* Poster Board / Construction Paper (as needed for projects and activities)

**Parent Confirmation of Syllabus Review**

Please read the class syllabus with your child. Please complete and sign this form and return to Mr. Gandhi by **August 18th 2015**.

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Phone Number

**(Please circle the best location to call between 10:55am – 11:45am)**

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\*\*\*If contact information changes, please inform all the teachers along with the school of the changes\*\*\*