



ISS Course Syllabus

Teacher: George Casey
Course Title: Social Studies

Grade: 7th
HS Credit Value:

Course Description:
The 7th grade Social Studies Curriculum is based on transitioning from egocentric views to a world view. We will start the year building basic geography skills, which includes mapping, climate, and landforms. We will then explore the prehistoric hunter-gathers period and study a variety of the ancient civilizations of the world, including the Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Indian, Chinese, Greek, and Roman Empires. This course is also integrated with the Language Arts Curriculum. A variety of activities such as oral presentations, Cave Paintings, Cuneiform writing project, internet research, and in-depth written assignments are used throughout the year to keep learning meaningful and interesting.

- Course Contents:**
- Unit 1 Geography Skills
 - Unit 2 The Fertile Crescent
 - Unit 3 Ancient Egypt and Nubia
 - Unit 4 The Indus and Ganges River Valleys
 - Unit 5 Ancient China
 - Unit 6 Ancient Greece
 - Unit 7 Ancient Rome

- Resources:**
- A Message of the Ancient Days, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1999
 - The Egypt Game, Zilpha Snyder, Viking Press, 1952
 - Internet Activities
 - Library
 - Maps

Evaluation System:

1. The students will have formal tests in the spring mandated by the government.
2. Students will be informally assessed in the following ways:
 - a. Weekly or by unit, informal teacher generated tests and quizzes.
 - b. Daily, this includes class work, participation, and behavior.
 - c. Homework assignments

Test/Quizzes	25%
Classwork	25%
Homework	25%
<u>Participation/Behavior</u>	<u>25%</u>
Total	100%