



7th Grade Social Studies

INSTRUCTORS

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Hi, I'm Scott Sanger. I've been teaching social studies at WRPS for 32 years now and still LOVE those middle school kids! When I'm not at school, you'll find me biking, kayaking, snowmobiling, attending live music concerts, and traveling. I have one daughter, and she joins me in a lot of those activities. She is now a sophomore at UW-Oshkosh. My wife also taught at Woodside Elementary until a few years ago. Thank you so much for the privilege of sharing your child with me this year. It should be a fun and interesting experience for all of us.

Shannon Tibbetts (shannon.tibbetts@wrps.net)



I'm Shannon Tibbetts, and this is my 26th year teaching at WRPS. I truly enjoy working with middle school students and sharing my passion for social studies with them. I have two sons, both of whom attended WRPS schools 4k-12. Outside of school, you may spot me walking around Lake Wazeecha with my husband or find me in the stands cheering on my boys as they play baseball. I'm excited to get to know and work with each of my students.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

7th-grade social studies emphasizes regions in the Eastern Hemisphere. The curriculum is based on the *Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies*, focusing on both content and skills.

Course units are as follows: Global Concepts (concerning population, culture, history, government, and economics), Middle East (Southwest Asia & Northern Africa), Africa (South of the Sahara), Russia & Eastern Europe, and South, East & Southeast Asia.

Units begin with a general overview of the region's geography, history, economy, and culture. Students then go more in-depth, focusing on a specific history-based project for each region. Students will have an ongoing thematic and geographic map assignment for each region of study. Current events are integrated into the curriculum daily.

CANVAS

All guardians can observe their student in Canvas. Please be aware that students can “turn in” a Canvas assignment without actually completing it. It is important to check Skyward to view your student’s current grade and/or missing assignments.

GRADING AND ASSESSMENTS

Grades are determined by weighted categories: Assessments 60% and Coursework 40%. Assessments will include quizzes, tests, and projects. All summative assessments will be taken at school. Students will have the opportunity to retake assessments if needed.

RESOURCES

All resources necessary to complete student work are linked directly in assignments, located within Canvas, or found in Clever.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students can analyze different historical periods, ideas, and themes and make connections to them.
- Students can make sense of the world around them through inquiry: questioning, identifying, and analyzing information.
- Students can effectively communicate information and understanding.
- Students can consider and respect multiple identities, cultures, and perspectives.