

# Social Studies Frequently Asked Questions

## ? **What if I forget what my assignment is or I am absent?**

You can always check what we are doing in class on my webpage. I post what we are doing for the week on that website. I also post the flashcards, worksheets and other documents for the unit, so they can be printed off for use at home as well.

## ? **What should I be doing at home for social studies class?**

The best thing you can do is go through your binder and study. Students should study flashcards, notes and worksheets. The flashcards are vocabulary that we are talking about in our current unit. Those should be looked at over the course of the unit. Students also need to make a vocabulary T for each term. Across the top should be a definition in their own words. On the left of the T is words that are opposite and on the right should be a small picture to represent the term. For bonus points students can practice the terms a couple time with an adult and have the adult sign the top that they practiced together. Flashcards are always due on the day of the test in class.

You should also be spending time every night going through the worksheets and notes from the unit. Reread worksheets out loud or to someone else and see if it makes sense. If it becomes a habit to review for a little bit each night by the time the test comes you will be prepared.

## ? **What about History Day?**

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in History Day at a school wide level. More information will be coming home about the basics of History Day. The most important item is that students are working on their History Day projects at home. To create a good project they should be researching and compiling research at school *and* at home.

## ? **What if I do not as well as I would have liked on a test?**

Students can use the form for test corrections. Directions were given in class on how to do test corrections after the first test. If the student follows the direction on the form they can earn back full points. If a student needs help on the test corrections they are welcome to come in before or after school for more assistance on the form.

## ? **What if I forgot what we did in class?**

We will always review the schedule at the beginning of the week. I recommend that students get a planner and fill it out every week. The schedule is posted in the front of the room. Students should check their planners on a regular basis to make sure they understand the material from that day.

## ? **What if I need extra help?**

I am available before school and after school most days. I post my availability on the front board every week. There is usually an after school bus at 3:45 to take students home. I am also at school by 7:00am every morning. Students need to talk to me in advance about coming in early or staying after.