

Mr. Pickett
7th Grade
Ancient Civilizations

Class Overview

Welcome to 7th Grade Ancient Civilizations! We will be looking at a number of interesting topics and cultures this year such as human origins, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Israel, Ancient Greece and the Roman Empire. We will also spend a lot of time working on reading, writing and research skills. If you have any additional questions or concerns please e-mail me at mpickett@lowell.k12.ma.us Thanks!

Daily Procedure and Expectations: Students should enter the class quietly, sit in their assigned seat, place their homework on their desk, write their homework in their agenda and begin working on the starter which will always be in the front of the room. I expect students to be respectful, prepared and ready to learn every single day in class.

Materials: Students are expected to come to class with their agenda, their binder and a pen or pencil every day. Additionally, students **must** have colored pencils or crayons available to them at home in order to complete some homework assignments and projects.

Grading Policy: Student grades are based on:

- **10 %: Homework-** You should expect to see History homework at least 3 times a week. If there's no written homework then students should review their notes. Students should be writing something in their agenda every day. Please check your child's agenda!
- **25%: Class work/Quizzes/Starters-** Students are given an open note quiz every week to make sure they are taking notes. They are also given a starter question at the beginning of class everyday which will be collected on Fridays after their quiz.
- **35%: Tests and Major Writing Assignments-** Students will have about one major test and writing assignment every five or so weeks. Tests are not open notes, so students will need to study hard to do well on these exams. Writing assignments such as open responses or essays will usually be started in class and need to be finished at home.
- **30%: Projects-** Projects will be done frequently in class. Grades are usually based on effort and creativity.

Grades: Students and parents can ask for a progress report any time after school or over e-mail. Progress reports will be handed out at least twice a quarter, usually a week or two before progress report or report card grades were due.

Extra Help: I stay for extra help on Wednesday afternoons for one hour. Students need to come to extra help as soon as school ends. Additionally, students may e-mail me after school for help with homework or projects. I will almost always respond to e-mails so long as I have them by 9pm.

Make Up Policy: All work is expected to be turned in on time. Late homework will be accepted up to a week late. Students are expected to ask me for missing work if they are absent or check the "extra-copies" binder on my desk.

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