

## 7th Grade Block Curriculum Map 08/09

Month	Social Studies	Writing	Reading
<b>September</b>	<b><u>World Geography</u></b> —of W. Civilization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity</li> <li>• Tools of Geography</li> <li>• Geologic History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity Poems</li> <li>• Map Definition Essay</li> <li>• Summaries &amp; Freewrites (throughout year)</li> <li>• Descriptive Meal Paragraph</li> <li>• Research ?s &amp; note taking formats</li> <li>• <b>Writer’s workshop (throughout year)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Grammar Exercises (DGP)</li> <li>• Weekly Vocab &amp; Word Work</li> <li>• Lit Terms w/ <i>Goddess of Yesterday</i></li> <li>• Reading comp. strategies in Lit 7</li> <li>• <i>Three Cups of Tea</i> literary term review, theme analysis &amp; support</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate</li> <li>• Natural Resources</li> <li>• Human Geography (<i>Germs, Guns &amp; Steel</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expository writing re Climate</li> <li>• Theme Analysis</li> <li>• Prewrite - Mapping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Three Cups of Tea Cont.</i></li> <li>• Hero’s Quest</li> <li>• Lit 7 or Free choice book project 1</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City-States               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mesopotamia Simulation</li> <li>○ Greece vs. Rome</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simulation Research, Writing &amp; Tasks</li> <li>• Expository report &amp; Oral presentations</li> <li>• Dialogue/script &amp; oral presentations</li> <li>• Compare contrast essay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Civ. Text &amp; Articles</li> <li>• Greek Myths</li> <li>• <i>Ulysses &amp; Troy</i></li> <li>• Internet and text resources</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Greece &amp; Rome cont.</li> <li>• Middle Ages:</li> <li>• Norse, Mayas, Aztecs, Pueblo Dwellers, Anglo Saxons, Islamic Empire, Mongols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare Contrast Prewrite &amp; Essay Process</li> <li>• Using Quotes as Support, Appositives &amp; dependent clauses</li> <li>• Medieval Power Point</li> <li>• Debate/speech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Beowulf</i> &amp; compare contrast Essay</li> <li>• Medieval Writings from Lit 7</li> <li>• Choice Medieval Book</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle Ages:</li> <li>• Norse, Mayas, Incas, Aztecs, Pueblo Dwellers, Medieval Europe, Islamic Empire, Mongols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare Contrast Prewrite &amp; Essay Process</li> <li>• Using Quotes as Support</li> <li>• Appositives &amp; Dependent clauses</li> <li>• Medieval Power Point</li> <li>• Debate/speech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Project 2</li> <li>• <i>Treasure Island</i> (summaries, theme, motif, symbol, Schooner &amp; Jolly Roger)</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reformation, Renaissance &amp; E-W Encounter</li> <li>• Inquisition</li> <li>• Governments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical Fiction Analysis</li> <li>• Expository “autobiography”</li> <li>• Primary &amp; Secondary Source Research &amp; Multi-genre poster</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choice Book &amp; Project 3</li> <li>• Begin <i>Spirit Bear</i> (Characterization, conflict, theme)</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country Report Final project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country Report: Research ?s, Poetry, Expository &amp; Descriptive writing, poster creation &amp; presentation, Script Writing or Ballad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish <i>Spirit Bear</i></li> <li>• Review Literary terms &amp; comprehension strategies with Lit 7</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enlightenment</li> <li>• Age of Revolutions (Russian, Cuban, Indian, Mexican &amp; Industrial)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter Home &amp; Step by Step Cause &amp; Effect</li> <li>• Thematic Essay</li> <li>• Define Revolution</li> <li>• Poetry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Wizard or Earthsea</i> (fantasy genre, Hero’s Quest)</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration, Emigration &amp; Modern Human Diaspora</li> <li>• Millennium Development Media Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thematic Essay: Global Citizen</li> <li>• Multi-genre poster</li> <li>• Short Story</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Crossing</i></li> <li>• Free choice book</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globalization, Resources &amp; the World’s Economic Future</li> <li>• Create a Product Simulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business proposal &amp; presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free choice book</li> </ul>