



Portland Public Schools
Middle Level
Syllabus Template

School Year 2011-2012

Teacher:		School:	
Gregory Wall		Mt Tabor Middle School	
Subject:	Course Title:	Grade Level:	
Social Studies	The Medieval World and Beyond	7 th	
Course description:			
Ancient Civilizations: The Decline of the Roman Empire through The Enlightenment			
Course outline:			
1 st quarter - Google Earth, Medieval Europe 2 nd quarter – Ancient Arabia 3 rd quarter – Ancient Africa, Ancient China 4 th quarter – Mayans, Incas, Aztecs			
Academic Vocabulary:			
Stereotyping, human and environmental interactions, conformity, Feudalism, Republic, Cathedrals, belief systems, primary and secondary resources, global issues			
District adopted materials:			
History Alive! : The Medieval World and Beyond			
Supplemental resources:			
Renaissance for students DVD series, The History Channel: various materials and Political Candidate web-page and brochures, Google Earth Unit			
Differentiation/ accessibility strategies and support (TAG, ELL, SpEd):			
Individual feedback on expectations and performance, Flexible grouping, Combining creative thinking and learning, Frequent check-ins, Modify learning to achieve greater depth, Elicit/identify the purpose or importance of the lesson. Extensions, higher level of questioning and thinking (creating depth and complexity) and applying Blooms Taxonomy			

Final proficiencies:

Students demonstrate proficiency in the skills of group discussion, collaboration, and presentation and are scored on a rubric (i.e. on a 6-point scale, 4 meets.)

Students demonstrate that they have met expectations for each unit or chapter through one or more of the three sections of the unit or chapter assessment. Assessments include a multiple-choice section and, generally, a Multiple Intelligence section, and a written section

Behavioral expectations:

Students will be expected to be respectful of each other, the teacher and their school. Students are expected to comply with all District, school, lodge and classroom rules.

CONSEQUENCES: Consequences appropriate and in compliance with School policies.

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