

Grade 7 Medieval History Class Calendar

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Dates and Deadlines

- ⤴ Complete reading assignments before class on Friday
- ⤴ Complete unit projects by the dates shown on this calendar
- ⤴ Be ready for unit tests by the dates shown on this calendar
- ⤴ Be ready for self-check vocabulary quizzes, if scheduled, at the beginning of class on Friday
- ⤴ **ELL students:** complete written assignments in the *Reading Study Guide* before class on Friday

✓ Mr. Griggs will announce any changes to this plan in class and also note them on the class [calendar](#) at mrgriggs.net.

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August/September

8/26-8/30 Class introduction begins: <i>The Tools of History</i>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Looking at Earth
		Climate, weather, and vegetation
		Six elements of geography
		History of mapmaking
		Features of maps
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 1: lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 1: Lessons 1,2. You may keep your history textbook at home. You do not need to bring it to class. ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
9/2-9/6	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Using GPS
		Using GPS
		Using GPS
		Using GPS, Archaeology and Anthropology
		Changing views of the past
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 1: lessons 3,4 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 1: Lessons 3,4 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
9/9-9/13 New unit begins: <i>The Islamic World</i> This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the end of this unit: Islamic World KUD Chart	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	How historians work
		Interpreting history
		Working with maps: Mapping the Arabian Peninsula
		A desert culture at a crossroads
		Muhammad
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 3: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Get Started- Unit Final Project: Muslim Science Fair , due 10/4 Read Chapter 3: Lessons 1,2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	

9/16-9/20 9/18: Early Dismissal (class meets)	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Beliefs of Islam - The Qur'an
		Beliefs of Islam - The Kaaba
		Beliefs of Islam - The Pillars
		Islam after Muhammad
		Working with maps: Expansion of Muslim rule
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 3: Lesson 3 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 3: Lesson 3 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
9/23-9/27	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Rise and fall of the Umayyads - Muslim conquests
		Golden age of the Abbasids - Islamic medicine - Fall of the Abbasids
		The Holy Calligraphy and Tessellations of Islam
		al-Andalus on the Iberian peninsula, Ibn Battuta
		Film: <i>Cities of Light- The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain</i>
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 4: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 4: Lessons 1,2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
October		
9/30-10/4	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Film: <i>Cities of Light- The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain</i>
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		Revision for unit test
		Islamic World Unit Test
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Islamic World Unit Test on 10/4. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: Islamic World KUD Chart
<i>Independent Task</i>	Unit Final Project: Muslim Science Fair , due at the beginning of class on 10/7, presentations on 10/7 Read Chapter 4: Lesson 3 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
10/7-10/11 New unit begins: Medieval Africa This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Muslim Science Fair presentation
		Working with maps: mapping West Africa
		West African village life and oral traditions
		The growth of Ghana's empire
		Ghana's silent trade in salt and gold

end of this unit: Medieval Africa KUD Chart	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 5: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Get started- Unit Final Project: Choose one- Make an African pressure drum , Make an African mosaic of beans and spices , or Make an African shield , due 11/8 Read Chapter 5: Lessons 1,2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
10/14-10/18 10/16: Early Dismissal (class meets)	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Mali builds on Ghana's foundation - Mansa Musa's gold
		Timbuktu in 1492
		Empire of Songhai
		Working with maps: Bantu migrations
		Coastal city-states in East Africa
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 5: Lesson 3, Chapter 6: Lesson 1 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 5: Lesson 3, Chapter 6: Lesson 1 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
10/21-10/25	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	East African trade
		The Shona
		Film: Lost Kingdoms of Africa - Great Zimbabwe
		Film: Lost Kingdoms of Africa - Great Zimbabwe
		Mutapa
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 6: Lesson 2 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 6: Lesson 2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
November		
11/4-11/8	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Working with maps: Kongo
		The Kongo Kingdom
		The Kongo Kingdom storyboard
		Revision for unit test
	Medieval Africa Unit Test	
<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Medieval Africa Unit Test on 11/8. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: Medieval Africa KUD Chart	
<i>Independent Task</i>	Unit Final Project: Choose one- Make an African pressure drum , Make an African mosaic of beans and spices , or Make an African shield , due at the beginning of class on 11/8 Read Chapter 6: Lesson 3 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
11/11-11/15	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Working with maps: mapping China

<p>New unit begins: <i>Medieval Asia</i></p> <p>This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the end of this unit:</p> <p>Medieval Asia KUD Chart</p>		Fall of the Han Dynasty
		China's belief systems
		Sui and Tang Dynasties and the reunification of China
		The imperial Chinese state
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 7: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Get Started- Unit Final Project, choose one: The Dynasties of China or Guidebook to Japan & Southeast Asia, due 1/24</p> <p>Read Chapter 7: Lessons 1,2</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
11/18-11/22	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	The Song Dynasty
		Economy of the Tang and Song Dynasties
		The Tang and Song Dynasties- a golden age for arts and technology
		Film: <i>BBC Ghengis Khan</i>
		Film: <i>BBC Ghengis Khan</i>
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 7: Lesson 3 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Read Chapter 7: Lesson 3</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
11/25-11/29 11/28: Thanksgiving	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Mongols invade China - Marco Polo: myth or reality?
		Changes under the Mongols
		Rise of the Ming Dynasty - Splendid Isolation: the Ming emperors of China
		Thanksgiving
		Film: National Geographic <i>Treasure Fleet: The Adventures of Zheng He</i>
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 7: Lesson 4 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Read Chapter 7: Lesson 4</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
December		
12/2-12/6	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Film: National Geographic <i>Treasure Fleet: The Adventures of Zheng He</i>
		Film: National Geographic <i>Treasure Fleet: The Adventures of Zheng He</i>
		The Manchus - Chinese pharmacy
		Working with maps: mapping Japan
		The effect of geography on Japan
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 8: Lesson 1 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 8: Lesson 1

		ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
12/9-12/13	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Prince Shotoku
		Japanese religion
		Japanese literature and drama
		Film: <i>Yotsuya Kaidan</i>
		Film: <i>Yotsuya Kaidan</i>
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 8: Lesson 2 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 8: Lesson 2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
12/16-12/17 2-day week	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Film: <i>Yotsuya Kaidan</i>
		Film: <i>Yotsuya Kaidan</i>
		Winter Holiday
		Winter Holiday
		Winter Holiday
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	None
	<i>Independent Task</i>	None
January		
1/6-1/10	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Rise of Feudalism in Japan
		Samurai and shoguns
		Tokugawa Shogunate
		Film: <i>BBC Heroes and Villains: The Shogun</i>
		Film: <i>BBC Heroes and Villains: The Shogun</i>
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 8: Lesson 3 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 8: Lesson 3 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
1/13-1/17	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Working with maps: mapping Korea
		Korean kingdoms
		Chinese influence
		Working with maps: mapping Nam Viet
		Vietnamese kingdoms
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 8: Lesson 4 (in class on Friday)
		<i>Independent Task</i>

		ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
1/20-1/24 1/22: Early Dismissal (class meets)	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Vietnamese/China conflict
		Working with maps: mapping the Khmer Empire
		Khmer Empire and Angkor Wat
		Revision for unit test
		Medieval Asia Unit Test
<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Medieval Asia Unit Test on 1/24. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: Medieval Asia KUD Chart	
<i>Independent Task</i>	Unit Final Project, choose one: The Dynasties of China or Guidebook to Japan & Southeast Asia due at the beginning of class on 1/24	
1/27-1/31 New unit begins: Medieval Europe This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the end of this unit: Medieval Europe KUD Chart	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Group work: Time-line of Medieval Europe
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		Group work: Time-line of Medieval Europe
		Working with maps: mapping Medieval Europe
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	None
<i>Independent Task</i>	Get started- Unit Final Project, choose one: Medieval Manor Diorama or Changes in Feudal Society Storyboard , due 3/17	
February		
2/3-2/7 Trip: National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Geography of Europe, Dark Ages: myth or reality?
		Clovis, Charlemagne, and the spread of the Christian Church
		Charlemagne and Feudalism
		The Feudal social structure, Medieval education
		The manor system, Medieval cleanliness
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 9: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 9: Lessons 1,2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
2/10-2/14	<i>Topic(s)</i>	Life of knights
		Guilds
		Feudalism in Europe and Japan
		The clergy, faith vs. reason: the real battle of the Middle Ages
		Conflicts between church leaders and monarchs, effects of the Inquisition
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 9: Lesson 3, Chapter 10: Lesson 1 (in class on Friday)

	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 9: Lesson 3, Chapter 10: Lesson 1 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
2/24-2/28 Trip: St. Anne's Church	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	The Church and society, Gothic cathedrals
		The Crusades
		Film: <i>BBC Heroes and Villains- Richard the Lionhearted</i>
		Film: <i>BBC Heroes and Villains- Richard the Lionhearted</i>
		Positive and tragic effects of the Crusades, the 4th Crusade: greed and glory
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 10: Lesson 2 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 10: Lesson 2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
March		
3/3-3/7	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Film: <i>The Black Death</i>
		Film: <i>The Black Death</i>
		The Hundred Years' War, Joan of Arc
		Film: <i>Discovery Channel Great Battles - Agincourt</i>
		Modernization of Medieval Europe
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 10: Lesson 3 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 10: Lesson 3 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
3/10-3/14 3/11: <i>Independence Day</i>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	King John and the Magna Carta
		<i>Independence Day</i>
		Rise of the Ottoman Empire: the most powerful nation in Europe, 1500
		Life in the Ottoman Empire
		Revision for unit test
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 10: Lessons 4,5 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	Read Chapter 10: Lessons 4,5 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
3/17-3/21 New unit begins: The Americas This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Medieval Europe Unit Test
		Working with maps: mapping the Americas
		Working with maps: mapping the Americas
		Geography of Meso-America
		Teotihuacan

end of this unit: The Americas KUD Chart	Quiz/Test	Medieval Europe Unit Test on 3/17. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: Medieval Europe KUD Chart Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 11: Lesson 1 (in class on Friday)
	Independent Task	Unit Final Project, choose one: Medieval Manor Diorama or Changes in Feudal Society Storyboard , due at the beginning of class on 3/17 Get started- Unit Final Project: Choose one from this menu , due 4/11 Read Chapter 11: Lesson 1 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.
3/24-3/28 3/26: Early Dismissal (class meets)	Topics (Mon-Fri)	The Olmec and their legacy
		Mayan life
		The Mayan Classical Period, Disappearance of the Maya
		Film: <i>Mystery of the Maya</i>
	The Aztec Empire	
	Quiz/Test	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 11: Lessons 2,3 (in class on Friday)
Independent Task	Read Chapter 11: Lessons 2,3 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
April		
3/31-4/4	Topics (Mon-Fri)	Aztec society - Play ball!
		Aztec gods and religion
		Film: <i>BBC Heroes and Villains - Cortes</i>
		Film: <i>BBC Heroes and Villains - Cortes</i>
	Geography of the Incan Empire	
	Quiz/Test	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 12: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
Independent Task	Read Chapter 12: Lessons 1,2 ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.	
4/7-4/11	Topics (Mon-Fri)	Incan society and beliefs, Incan medicine and surgery
		Film: <i>BBC Conquistadors - The Conquest of the Incas</i>
		Film: <i>BBC Conquistadors - The Conquest of the Incas</i>
		Revision for unit test
	The Americas Unit Test	
	Quiz/Test	The Americas Unit Test on 4/11. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: The Americas KUD Chart
Independent Task	Unit Final Project, choose one from this menu , due at the beginning of class on 4/11	
4/14-4/18	Topics (Mon-Fri)	Working with maps: mapping Renaissance Italy

<p>New unit begins: <i>Renaissance and Reformation</i></p> <p>This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the end of this unit:</p> <p>Renaissance and Reformation KUD Chart</p>		Decline of Feudalism
		Humanism
		The Renaissance begins - the shifting intellectual center of the world
		Art history: Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 13: Lesson 1 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Get started- Unit Final Project: Build it Yourself: A Leonardo da Vinci Invention, due 5/16.</p> <p>Download: Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself</p> <p>Read Chapter 13: Lesson 1</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
May		
<p>4/28-5/2</p> <p>5/1: Labor Day</p>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Art history: Raphael and Titian
		Art history: Botticelli and Caravaggio
		Brunelleschi's dome, Dante's <i>Inferno</i> , and Machiavelli's <i>The Prince</i>
		Labor Day
		Italian Renaissance society, Lorenzo — il Magnifico
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 13: Lesson 2 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Read Chapter 13: Lesson 2</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
<p>5/5-5/9</p>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Spread of the Renaissance
		Art history: Dürer, Van Eyck, and Bruegel
		Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Age: Double, Double, Toil and Trouble
		Acting out Shakespeare
		The World's Greatest Invention? The printing press
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 13: Lesson 3, Chapter 14: Lesson 1 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Read Chapter 13: Lesson 3, Chapter 14: Lesson 1</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
<p>5/12-5/16</p>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	The Great Schism, corrupt Renaissance Popes — Alexander VI and Leo X
		Revolt of the German churches: Martin Luther and the legacy of his ideas
		The Counter-Reformation and the expansion of Christianity
		Review for unit test
		Renaissance and Reformation unit test
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	<p>Renaissance and Reformation Unit Test on 5/16. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: Renaissance and Reformation KUD</p>

	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Unit Final Project, Build it Yourself: A Leonardo da Vinci Invention, due at the beginning of class on 5/16.</p> <p>Read Chapter 14: Lessons 2,3</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
<p>5/19-5/23</p> <p>New unit begins: Revolutions in Science and Exploration</p> <p>This is what you should know, understand and be able to do by the end of this unit:</p> <p>Revolutions in Science and Exploration KUD Chart</p>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	The Renaissance changes Classical and Medieval science
		Film: <i>Great Scientists- Galileo</i>
		Film: <i>Great Scientists- Newton</i>
		Inventions of the Scientific Revolution
	<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 15: Lessons 1,2 (in class on Friday)
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Get started- Unit Final Project, choose one: Exploration option or Scientific Revolution option , due 6/6</p> <p>Read Chapter 15: Lessons 1,2</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
<p>5/26-5/30</p>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Working with maps: mapping the routes of great explorers
		Henry the Navigator and Portugal's early successes
		Ships of the Age of Exploration
		The voyages of Columbus: why did he become so famous?
	Film: <i>BBC Voyages of Discovery- Circumnavigation</i>	
<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Vocabulary Quiz Chapter 15: Lesson 3 (in class on Friday)	
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Read Chapter 15: Lesson 3</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>
June		
<p>6/2-6/6</p>	<i>Topics (Mon-Fri)</i>	Film: <i>BBC Voyages of Discovery- Circumnavigation</i>
		Impact of exploration, genocide of native populations
		Colonies and Europe's changing economy
		Revision for unit test
	Revolutions in Science and Exploration unit test	
<i>Quiz/Test</i>	Revolutions in Science and Exploration Unit Test on 6/6. This is what you should know, understand and be able to do for this test: Revolutions in Science and Exploration KUD Chart	
	<i>Independent Task</i>	<p>Unit Final Project, choose one: Exploration option or Scientific Revolution option, due at the beginning of class on 6/6.</p> <p>Read Chapter 15: Lesson 4</p> <p>ELL Students read and complete lessons in the Reading Study Guide instead.</p>