

8SS Newsletter – 12.12.18

Hello 8th Grade Parents,

The students will be taking their test tomorrow on Chapter 22 about American overseas expansion. Good study strategies include re-reading the chapter, reviewing any notes in their notebooks, reviewing the teacher notes found on the website, and completing the study guide that is also on the website.

The students will then move on to studying [Chapter 23, Word War I](#). World War I changed the world. The people of the time called the conflict the Great War, and they believed that there could never again be another like it. Although the United States tried to remain neutral, it was drawn into the conflict. But we were ready for it due to the period of our massive rise of industrialism. The war touched all aspects of life. When the fighting was over, the United States emerged as one of the great powers in the world.

Students will begin by investigating the factors that led to World War I. We will then focus on U.S. neutrality and the events that lead to our eventual involvement in the conflict. As a part of this, students will analyze primary source propaganda posters from the WWI era. They will then have the opportunity to create one of their own. We will move on to understand the effect of the war on the home front. Students will finish up exploring the end of the war and the peace plans for after the war with the Treaty of Versailles. Finally, students will assess the results of World War I.

The students will be finishing up their Political Science Unit on Friday with presentations of their political candidate commercials. After Christmas break, we will begin a News Literacy & Current Events Unit.

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Mrs. Esquivel