

7SS Newsletter – 12.14.20

Hello 7th Grade Families,

Tomorrow, the students have a test on "Expansion and Conflicts," which covers the events that occurred during the presidencies of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Students should re-read the textbook pages, review the lesson notes, and study the study guide they completed for class today.

The rest of this week - and after Christmas Break - we will begin studying the topic "Sectionalism and Foreign Policy in Latin America." During the early 1800s, manufacturing took on a stronger role in the American economy. During that same period, people moved westward across the continent in larger and larger numbers. In 1823, the United States proclaimed its dominant role in the Americas with the Monroe Doctrine. These developments were important factors in shaping the nation. Today, the United States is one of the leading economic and military powers in the world.

Students will discuss the growth of sectionalism among the three regions of the country - North, South, and West. After the War of 1812, the United States enjoyed a period of political unity called "The Era of Good Feelings." This was not to last, however, and division soon began to rise over regional differences. The most explosive of which was slavery. During this time period, Congress approved the Missouri Compromise that dealt with the entry of new states into the Union and whether they were to be "free" or "slave" states, which could upset the balance of power in the government. The nation also continued to deal with foreign affairs not only Europe but in Latin America as well. The passage of the Monroe Doctrine helped to make the United States a major player in the Western Hemisphere.

All materials and assignments are on the Social Studies Google Classroom. There will be no homework over break.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Mrs. Esquivel