

7SS Newsletter – 1.6.21

Hello 7th Grade Families,

In 7th grade Social Studies this week, we wrapped up our unit on Sectionalism and Foreign Policy in Latin America during the presidency of James Monroe. The students will have a quiz on this topic on Tuesday, 1/12. I have gone over study strategies with them, which include re-reading the section in the textbook, reviewing the notes posted on Google Classroom, and completing the quiz study guide.

Today, we moved on to The Age of Jackson. The struggle for political rights took shape in the 1820s and 1830s, when many people questioned the limits of American democracy. The Jackson administration greatly increased the power of the Executive Branch of government. Jackson took on several controversial issues, including the tariff debate and the National Bank of the United States. Perhaps the action that President Jackson is the most well-known for was his policy towards the Native Americans. The Indian Removal Act forced thousands of Native Americans to relocate to the Indian territory in Oklahoma. It is at this point in our history that the Trail of Tears occurred. In the years since the Jackson era, women, African Americans, and other minorities have won the right to vote and to participate in the political process. Today, every United States citizen aged 18 or older, regardless of gender, race, or wealth, has the right to vote.

Students will first explore the elections of 1824 and 1828, discussing how Jackson's election to the presidency changed the election process. We will then examine the tariff debate and nullification crisis. Students will spend the most time analyzing the Indian Removal Policy. They will dig deeply into primary sources on the event and discuss Native American resistance to the relocation. Finally, students will review the presidency of Andrew Jackson and fill out a report card on his administration.

On Friday, we will continue with our Economics Unit by introducing the six major concepts of economics. This will lead into an opportunity to participate in the Economic Concepts Poster Contest sponsored by Dominican University. After that, we will continue with Personal Finance and focus on education, careers and entrepreneurship.

All materials and assignments are in the Social Studies or Personal Finance Google Classrooms. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Welcome back!

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Mrs. Esquivel