

## 7SS Newsletter – 3.2.21

Hello 7th Grade Families,

The students have finished up their chapter on the "North and South." They have a test on the chapter tomorrow. Good study strategies include re-reading the chapter, reviewing the notes we took together in class, and completing the study guide that is posted on Google Classroom.

The students will now begin to take a look at "The Age of Reform." The idea of reform - the drive to improve society and the lives of Americans - grew during the mid-1800s. Reformers set out to improve the lives of the disadvantaged, especially enslaved people and the urban poor. The spirit of reform is alive and well in the modern world. Individual freedom became a key goal during the last half of the twentieth century. Civil rights movements have advanced racial equality. In many countries, the women's movement has altered traditional female roles and opportunities.

Students will focus first on the women's rights movement. They will gain a basic understanding of the discrimination that women faced in our society. We will then take a look at several women reformers and their views and actions with regards to equal rights. Students will then discuss the wide variety of perspectives on slavery during the mid-1800s and the abolitionist movement that developed prior to the Civil War.

All materials and assignments are posted on Google Classroom. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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