



*Paul J. Gelinas JHS  
Social Studies Department*



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The Social Studies program is based on the NYS Standards, which require students to use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in six areas:

- United States History
- New York History
- World History
- Geography
- Economics
- Citizenship and Government

Students entering junior high school continue their Social Studies education with a two-year program in grades seven and eight that focuses on American social history, with an emphasis in grade seven on the history of New York.

New York State requires that students continue history in grades nine and ten with a general study of global history and geography. At the end of grade ten, students must pass the NYS Regents Exam in Global History and Geography covering the content of both years of study. In addition, students have the option of fulfilling this state requirement by enrolling in Advanced Placement World History if they meet the academic criteria for this two-year program.



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Name	E-mail	Courses
Ms. Chase	<a href="mailto:cchase@3villagecsd.org">cchase@3villagecsd.org</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and AP World)
Mr. Esser (Gelinas and WMHS))	<a href="mailto:kesser@3villagecsd.org">kesser@3villagecsd.org</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents)
Mr. Hartmann	<a href="mailto:whartman@3villagecsd.org">whartman@3villagecsd.org</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and Honors)
Mr. Laird	<a href="mailto:laird@3villagecsd.org">laird@3villagecsd.org</a>	7 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and Honors); 8 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents)
Ms. Nagle	<a href="mailto:tnagle@3villagecsd.org">tnagle@3villagecsd.org</a>	7 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and Honors)
Mr. Pelosi	<a href="mailto:apelosi@3villagecsd.org">apelosi@3villagecsd.org</a>	7 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and Honors); 8 <sup>th</sup> grade (Honors)
Mr. Romero	<a href="mailto:rromero@3villagecsd.org">rromero@3villagecsd.org</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and AP World)
Mr. Worthington	<a href="mailto:tworthin@3villagecsd.org">tworthin@3villagecsd.org</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade (Regents and Honors)



## *Social Studies Department Information and Activities*

### **Extra Help Schedule 2011-2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Christine Chase</b>	Mon—Friday, pd. 7 (9 <sup>th</sup> -grade lunch) and at other times by appointment	Room 101
<b>Bill Hartmann</b>	Period 6 daily; before and after school by appointment	Room 212
<b>Lou Laird</b>	Tues and Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> pd (7 <sup>th</sup> grade lunch); Periods 5 & 9 (8 <sup>th</sup> grade); other times by appointment	Room 204
<b>Tina Nagle</b>	Tues and Thurs pd 5 (7 <sup>th</sup> -grade lunch)	Room 202
<b>Andrew Pelosi</b>	Tues and Thurs period 5 (7 <sup>th</sup> -grade lunch); Tues and Thurs. Period 6 (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Room 201
<b>Tom Worthington</b>	Period 6 every day (8 <sup>th</sup> -grade lunch) before school and after school by appointment	Room 210
<b>Richard Romero</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> period every day (pd. 9 lunch)	Social Studies Office

**All Social Studies Teachers are also available by appointment.**

**Some of the noteworthy events which take place each year in the Department:**

- An “archaeological dig” is experienced by all 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes in September or October
- The *National Student Mock Presidential Election* takes place at the end of October
- The *National Geographic Bee* takes place in December (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- “I Have A Dream Oratory Contest” 7<sup>th</sup> grade, January
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Washington D.C. or Boston

### *The Former NYS Social Studies Assessment: Grade 8*

The Grade 8 Intermediate Social Studies Test was discontinued during the 2010-2011 academic year as a result of state cutbacks in funding and the overall cost of developing, printing, and grading the exams. It is unclear whether or not the state will restore the tests if the economy improves over the next few years. The New York State Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies Test was designed to measure student achievement of the content, concepts, and skills included in a chronologically-organized study of United States and New York State history, and to reflect the content and intellectual skills described in the five social studies standards published by the State Education Department.

## *The NYS Regents in Global History and Geography*

The Global Regents Exam is administered at the end of tenth grade, and tests students on both the 9th grade material (pre-history to 1750) and the 10th grade content (1750-present). It is recommended that students save their notebooks and handouts from their 9th grade Social Studies class to use the following year when preparing to take the Regents exam.

### **Test Description**

The Regents examination in Global History and Geography assesses student achievement of the social studies learning standards at the commencement level. Students are allowed a maximum of three hours to complete the examination.

The examination has three parts. Students answer all questions in all parts; no choice is permitted.

- Part I consists of 50 multiple-choice questions, for which the student is to select the correct answer from among the four choices given.
- Part II contains one thematic essay.
- Part III A contains several scaffold (open-ended) questions based on specific documents.
- Part III B contains one document-based (DBQ) essay.

### *Useful Links*

#### **New York State Education Department**

New York State Assessments

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/elintsocst.html>

New York State Social Studies Initiative

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/ssinitiative.html>

Overview of NYS Social Studies K-12

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/pub/ssoverview.pdf>

NYS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum outline

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/pub/sscore1.pdf>

NYS Global Studies Curriculum

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/pub/sscore2.pdf>

#### **Social Studies Websites for Children**

<http://www.funsocialstudies.learninghaven.com/>

<http://www.geocities.com/enchantedforest/tower/1217/third5.html>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~socialst/>

#### **Professional Organizations for Social Studies Educators (with links and articles)**

<http://www.socialstudies.org/>

<http://www.nyscss.org/>

<http://www.licss.org/>

**Global History and Geography Regents Review (9<sup>th</sup> grade)**

[http://www.regentsreviewlive.net/rrl/courses/global\\_history.html](http://www.regentsreviewlive.net/rrl/courses/global_history.html)

<http://regentsprep.org/Regents/global/global.cfm>

