



Welcome to  
Mrs. Twiss' 7th grade  
Social Studies

World History



# About me:



- ☞ I have been here at Vail Ranch Middle School for 14 years
- ☞ Teaching Credential at CSUSM
- ☞ Masters at CSUSB
- ☞ Two kids:  
Caden, 11, Ava, 8
- ☞ Last name is Twiss,  
like swiss, not Twist



# Class Expectations

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- ☞ In seat when the bell rings
- ☞ Have required materials in class (Compbook)
- ☞ Have homework completed
- ☞ Be respectful to all adults/students



# Curriculum/Objectives

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## Posted on the board daily

- Agenda
- Objectives
- Homework

## Textbook:

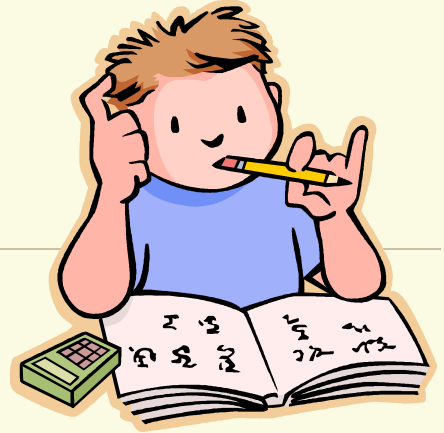
- New TCI books- we have a class set so keep them at home and in new condition!
- Online version is available as well.

# Textbook, Interactive Student Notebook and Composition Book

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- ☞ Needed in class on a daily basis
- ☞ Lessons are set up to use these books daily
- ☞ ISN's can be kept in the classroom.
- ☞ Class set of textbooks! Woohoo!
- ☞ Comp Books help keep everything organized. (Composition Book is highly preferred over spiral bound notebooks, have seen too many spiral bounds with a lot of hard work fall into pieces)

# Assignments/Homework



📄 Posted on the website weekly

📄 Posted on the board for the week (all students are given time on Monday to write homework in their planner and are expected to do so!)

📄 Normally, two study guide questions per night or studying is assigned.

**\*\*Any classwork not finished during class is expected to be completed at home and turned in the next day. \*\***



# Assessments



## Lesson Quiz weekly (10 Questions)

- Completed online  
(using Chromebooks most of the time)

## Unit Test- at the end of the unit (25 Questions & Constructed Response)

## How to study:

- Study Guide (given first day of the chapter)
- Vocabulary (given first day of the chapter)
- Students are encouraged to ask for help on it anytime throughout the week!

# Grading Policy

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📄 10% Homework/ Classwork

📄 90% Assessment (tests, quizzes, projects)

📄 Retakes- form with directions given for students who get a D or lower, two weeks to complete retake (date noted in Infinite Campus)



# New Website

Updated weekly

- Assignments
- Projects
- Assessments
- Homework

Grades


- Infinite Campus

The screenshot shows the Vail Ranch Middle School website. At the top, there is a logo for "VAIL RANCH BULLDOG PRIDE" and the school name "Vail Ranch Middle School". Navigation buttons include "District Home", "Select a School", and "User Options". A menu bar contains "Home", "School Directory", "Academics", "Activities", "Parents", and "Calendar". The main content area features a profile for "Twiss, Sara" with a "Welcome" message. To the right, there is a section for "Mrs. Twiss" with a photo of her family and a bio: "Mrs. Twiss' 7th Grade Social Studies. This is my 13th year here at Vail Ranch Middle School teaching Social Studies! I also co-teach the Leadership Class, which I also love. I am excited to start a new school year and I look forward to getting to know all of my students better!". A note at the bottom says "If you have any questions or concerns email is always the best way to contact me!". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 10:39 PM on 8/29/2018.

The screenshot shows a homework week announcement on the Vail Ranch Middle School website. The header includes "B.A. Credential from CSUSM" and "Masters Educational Administration CSUSB". The main heading is "HOMEWORK WEEK 8/27/18- 8/31/18". The announcement lists daily tasks: "Monday- Study Topic 1 Lesson 5 Quiz- Tomorrow (Use the Lesson Check to help study)", "Tuesday- Lesson 5 Quiz Today!", "Wednesday- Study for Topic 1 Lesson 6 Quiz- Tomorrow (Use the Lesson Check to help study)", and "Thursday- Lesson 6 Quiz Today!". A "Pearson Textbook Link" is provided with the following details: "Username: Student id number only (don't put @mytvusd.k12.ca.us)", "Password: Same one as school computers", and the URL "https://k12interactions.pearsoncmc.com/ca/". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 10:40 PM on 8/29/2018.

# Contact Information


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 Email is the best! (and quickest response!)

– stwiss@tvusd.k12.ca.us

 Phone (I will call when I get the message)

– 302-5188 ext 4402

 Please contact me with any questions or concerns

– Students can email me with questions as well!

Have a great night!

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