**Dear Families,**

Welcome to Global History & Geography - Regents! My name is Amy Lewis. It is my pleasure to be your child’s social studies teachers for the 2013-14 school year. We have an exhilarating year of discovering and learning ahead of us.

This class is important for many reasons. One is that it provides students with the opportunity to explore what is happening in various regions and civilizations at a given time. Second, it concludes with a Regents exam. It is necessary to pass this exam in order to graduate; a score of at least 75% will ensure that your child is college-ready.

The course will also incorporate the new Common Core Standards. This means we will do a great deal of reading and writing every day.

The following is a list of supplies your child will need for this class:

* 3 ring binder
* Folder for homework
* Lined paper
* Pens and pencils
* Index cards – any size

How you can help:

* The best way is to ask your child about what we did in class that day. We will examine history through different perspectives and will ask many thought provoking questions.
* Great websites for review: [www.regentsprep.org](http://www.regentsprep.org); [www.regentsreviewlive.net](http://www.regentsreviewlive.net); [www.historyteacher.net](http://www.historyteacher.net); [www.homeinstructionschools.com/regents.htm](http://www.homeinstructionschools.com/regents.htm)
* Review and discuss vocabulary. I will give you updated lists regularly.
* Check that homework is being done.

I am thrilled to begin our year together!

Please call or email me as you need:

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Important dates to remember:

Thursday, September 19th: **Open House 4-6 p.m.**

Thursday, October 17th: **Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6 p.m.**

My child’s name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and I have read this letter:

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The best way to contact you: (phone # or email)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_