

Syllabus
8th Grade Social Studies: American History

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Room: 2203

Welcome to 8th Grade Social Studies! My name is Mr. Macias, and I am looking forward to working with you throughout the rest of the year. During this year, we will learn essential topics in American History. However, in order to cover all of the content needed and to provide an open, encouraging learning environment for all students, certain classroom guidelines have been established.

Parents, please take the time to review this syllabus with your student(s). It is important that each student knows his or her expectations to do well in the class.

Classroom Materials

Students are expected to come prepared for class. All students will need the following materials for class:

For Social Studies:

- **Agenda** (You need something to keep your schedule organized)
- **Spiral Notebook (Virtual Notebook That I will give to you)**

For the School:

- 3-ring binder (1.5 to 2 inches) with dividers and a section for Social Studies
- pen, pencils, highlighters
- paper
- colored pencils
- Expo or dry-erase marker (any color)

Grading Scale and Policy:

Students will receive two grades for this class: Academic Grade and a Citizenship Grade. (See page 11 in your student's agenda for an example.)

1. Academic Grade:

Scale: A = Excellent, B = Above Average, C = Average, D = Below Average, F = Failure

- **Assessments (20% of Grade)**
 - Assessments may consist of tests, quizzes, common assessments, and the District Constitution Test
- **Participation (20% of Grade)**
 - Participation may consist of students attending google meets, turning their cameras on and communicating with their teacher
- **Assignments (60% of Grade)**

- Assignments may consist of daily assignments given by the teacher online, google classroom, vocab.com, or other class projects.
- Grades will be updated weekly for each student.
- If a student is absent, he or she can make up any missing assignments.
- *Late work may be turned in, but assignments will not be accepted if more than one grading term late.*

2. Citizenship Grade:

Scale: O = Outstanding, S = Satisfactory, N = Needs Improvement, U = Unsatisfactory

- To receive an Outstanding or Satisfactory Citizenship grades, students are expected to follow the general classroom guidelines and display classroom manners.

- **Classroom Manners:**

- Follow the directions for each activity.
- Show up on time
- Turn on your camera, mute your microphone
- The teacher dismisses the class, NOT THE BELL.
- No profanity in class.
- Keep your personal business to yourself.

General Classroom Rules:

1. **Respect yourself, your classmates, and your faculty/teachers and school property.**
2. **Be seated, prepared and quietly working when the google meet begins.**
 - Students need to turn their camera on!
 - Students need to read the directions for the day on google classroom.
 - Students need to have assignments prepared for the day it is due.
3. **Always listen when the teacher is talking.**

If students DO NOT follow the classroom guidelines, the following consequences will apply:

Consequences

First offense	Warning or sentences
Second offense	Sentences, solitary work or 15-minute detention and call to parents
Third offense	20 minutes to 1-hour detention and call to parents
Fourth offense	Referral to office and call to parents

Positive Recognition

If students follow all of the classroom guidelines and work to the best of their ability, they will be recognized for their efforts through positive reports, progressive grades, supportive notes home, and/or calls to parents. Special privileges, when available, will also be given to students.

Parents please sign and date the letter below to confirm that you have read the letter and discussed its contents with your child. Keep this letter for your references at home. Please have your student cut out and return the signed portion by August 24, 2020. Feel free to contact me at the information below if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a wonderful rest of the school year with you!

Sincerely,
Mr. Macias
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I have read and understood the above policies:

Date: _____

Name of Parent _____

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Parent _____

Signature of Student: _____

Period: _____