

8th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Classroom Expectations:

- Follow directions
- Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking
- Stay seated/in assigned area unless you have permission to do otherwise
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Respect and contribute to the positive classroom environment
- Give your best effort and you will be successful!

Cell Phone Policy

- Students are not permitted to use phones or other devices in class.
- Students must put their cell phone in the phone holder upon entering EVERY classroom. If a cell phone is visible during class time, the student will report to the front office.
- No phones allowed at any time during the school instructional day.
- Infractions of the CSS (school wide) cell phone policy will be subject to the following consequences.:
 - 1st infraction: Parent/guardian will be contacted to retrieve/sign the phone out.
 - 2nd infraction will result in ISS
 - 3rd infraction will result in OSS

Tardies

- 3 or more tardies will result in an office referral and an email home, as per school policy

Classroom Procedures:

- Be prepared. Bring a pencil, agenda, interactive notebook, and homework every day.
- Beginning of class each day:
 - Enter room quietly, place phone in assigned slot, and go to your seat
 - Copy down that day's homework and leave agenda to be stamped
 - Copy and start the warm-up in your Interactive Notebook

Grading:

Projects:	30%
Classwork:	30%
Assessments:	25%
Homework:	15%

Grading Scale:

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59-below	F

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Late Work Policy:

Same Day/1 School Day Late:	5% Deduction
2 Days Late:	10% Deduction
3 Days Late:	20% Deduction
4-9 Days Late	30% Deduction
10+ Days Late	50% Deduction
Not Done	0 Credit

Term:

Topics Covered:

First Quarter

US and North Carolina Geography
Colonization
The American Revolution
Foundation of the US

Second Quarter

Expansion and Reform
The Civil War
Reconstruction

Third Quarter

Industrialization and Immigration
The Gilded Age and Progressivism
WWI and the Great Depression

Fourth Quarter

WWII
Post War United States
The Cold War
Contemporary US

**** We will be covering a lot of interesting material, and in order to make the most of it we will need to make every lesson count. This means that students must come to class prepared, work diligently on homework and classwork, and put forth their best effort!**

Classroom Reminders:

- 1. Be seated and ready to go (notebook out, pencil sharpened) when class starts.**
- 2. No food or drinks (other than water).**
- 3. Be respectful and mature, especially during discussions.**
- 4. Keep desks and chairs flat on the ground.**
- 5. Clean up after yourself and your classmates -- put everything back where it came from**

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6. Don't be afraid to talk to me if you need anything!