**8th Grade Social Studies: Grading and Class Procedures**

Topics to be Covered

* Causes of the Civil War/Civil War
* Reconstruction
* The West
* Industrial Revolution
* Progressive Era
* Imperialism
* WWI
* Roaring Twenties
* Great Depression and WWII
* The Cold War (Korean War, Vietnam, Space Race)
* Civil Rights Movement
* 80’s/90’s/Current Issues

Global Honors

* Your performance in this class will directly impact whether you will qualify for Global Honors next year. One of the things considered by the department is your overall grade in Social Studies 8, overall average and test grade average. Other things considered were preparation and participation in class activities, as well as a writing sample. Please keep this in mind if qualifying for Honors is a goal of yours.

Microsoft Teams & Remind

* Microsoft Teams will be your “binder” for Social Studies so, bring your laptop and stylus **EVERY DAY**!
* If you do not have your laptop or it is broken, you are expected to sign one out from the library **BEFORE** class.
* All classwork, projects, rubrics, etc will be in Microsoft Teams.
* I understand that sometimes internet connections fail and/or laptop issues arise when completing an assignment. BE PATIENT. Try re-establishing connection using the wifi symbol in the bottom right of your screen, closing all programs, or restarting your computer **BEFORE** you ask for help. If complications continue, then seek help.
* Remind will be used in class – please sign up using the instruction sheet (found in Teams) if you want updates.

Homework

* Homework will never be assigned. If work needs to be completed at home it is because it was not completed during time allotted in class.

Classwork

* Classwork will make up the majority of your graded work.
* Adequate time will always be given to complete assignments in class.
* All classwork is to be completed within our Teams app.

Tardiness - Preparation

* Be ON TIME with your CHARGED laptop every day.
* Persistent tardiness (2 or more in a week) will result in a lunch detention.

Absences

* If your absence is excused you have time equal to the time you missed to turn in assignments. (e.g. you are absent one day, you have one day from when you return to hand in assignments)
* YOU are responsible for making sure you review all the work you missed by accessing it in Teams.
* If you miss a test/quiz, you must see me the next day to schedule your make-up. You have 1 extra day to make this up (e.g. you are absent one day, you have 2 days to make up the test/quiz).
* It is UP TO YOU to see me to make up your missed work. If you have questions about the material missed, we will schedule a time that you can come in to go over the material.

Seating

* The arrangement of the desks is often subject to change. Please do not get too attached to your seat or who you sit next to as it is liable to change frequently.

Behavioral Expectations

* Students are expected to maintain a level of respect for all involved in the classroom.
* Behavior that is loud, disrespectful, disruptive, inappropriate, violent, lewd, hurtful, cruel, or otherwise unnecessary will not be tolerated. Everyone deserves a positive environment to learn in!
* Consequences for failing to uphold classroom expectations:
	+ Warning
	+ Contact Home
	+ Removal from classroom to the office (with a DR)

Tests/Quizzes

* As you are nearing your first Regents exam it is important to prepare for the language, format, and expectations of the exam. We will have multiple choice and written response assessments.
* Most assessments will be done online using Microsoft Forms. This gives you and I nearly instantaneous feedback.
* In all cases, tests will be announced in advance.

Projects

* You will have several projects due throughout the year.
* You are expected to take projects seriously and put forth a strong effort.
* Some projects will be individual, others will be group projects. However, your grade is based on YOUR EFFORT and PRODUCTION, not just the group’s grade.
* You will always be given some class time to work on your project, especially if it involves working on a computer or in a group.
* Projects will be assessed using a rubric that is provided to you when the project is introduced. It is imperative that you know what the expectations are for success.
* For every day a project is late you will lose 5%. After **7 school days, the project will no longer be accepted.**

Grading

* Your marking period grade is based off the points you have earned through your completed and graded assignments divided by the total number of possible points from all the assignments. Assignments such as tests or projects will naturally be worth more points than a simple in class assignment.
* Extra credit will not be offered. There will be numerous chances to improve graded work for higher scores.

Remember the basic rules and expectations…

1. Be respectful, always.

2. Do your best/work your hardest

3. Come to class on time and prepared

4. If you have a question…ask!

5. Display a high level of integrity (personal accountability)

6. Understand that I do not give grades, you earn them.

**Parent/Student Procedures Acknowledgement for Social Studies 8**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(student name) have read and understand Mr. DePew’s grading and procedures with my parent/guardian. I understand that I will be held to each of these basic rules and expectations, and that if I have any questions or issues, it is my responsibility to seek him out and discuss them with him as they arise. I have shared these with my parent/guardian as well.

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Parent/Guardian signature/ date

Basic Info:

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Parent/Guardian name (printed

Best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(am/pm)

Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have email, please add that as well: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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