

8th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Harris Road Middle School



School Year: 2020-2021

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Class Materials

- Colored Pencils
 - Glue sticks
 - Notebook Paper
 - 1-2 inch Three Ring Binder
 - Pen & Pencil
 - Headphones
 - Highlighters
- CANVAS**

Consequences

1st Infraction: Verbal Warning

2nd Infraction: Loss of Privilege & Completion of Behavior Think Sheet

3rd Infraction: Redirect & Parent Contact

4th Infraction: Office Referral

****Miss Waters reserves the right to adjust this plan according to the severity of the infraction.****

Homework

Welcome to 8th Grade Social Studies! I am so excited to get to know each and every one of you. This course is designed to fulfill the goals and objectives set forth in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. The Essential Standards for 8th grade are organized around five strands:

history, geography and environmental literacy, economics and financial literacy, civics and governance, and culture. We will thoroughly cover each of these topics in relation to North Carolina and the United States. Our focus this school year will be learning and developing our skills as critical thinkers, problem solvers, and objective historians.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Respect yourself, others and the learning environment.
2. Be responsible for yourself and the environment around you.
3. When it comes to mistakes: own it, fix it, and learn from it.
4. Everyone makes mistakes and deserves forgiveness.
5. Learn to agree to disagree. You are entitled to your opinion but so is everyone else.
6. When a student is late or absent, it is the student's responsibility to ask for missing work. Please feel free to email when you are out.

Grade Breakdown

- 20% Homework & Classwork
- 30% Quizzes
- 50% Tests, Projects, Final Writing Drafts

Parents and students should check grades on Powerschool.

Grading Scale

- 100-90% = A
- 89-80% = B
- 79-70% = C
- 69-60% = D
- 59-0% = F

"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We **KEEP MOVING FORWARD**, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." -Walt Disney

Absent?

It is your responsibility to locate and complete make-up work. When you return from an absence, check the Absent Work binder at the Student Center to find out what you missed. If you have questions, ask three of your classmates first, then me. As per HRMS Handbook, students will receive 3 days from the day of their return to complete and turn in any makeup work. *Late work will only be accepted during the unit in which it was assigned.*

Makeup Quizzes/Tests

Late Work?

All assignments should be turned in on time in order to receive full credit. If a student does not have their work on the day it's due, then the student must turn in a "Missing Assignment Form" in its place. Assignments turned in late may receive credit up to 89%, the highest "B." Late work will automatically be entered as 0% until the work is completed/turned in AND meets passing standards based on grading criteria.

Test Retakes

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homework will occasionally be assigned. These assignments are for enrichment, exercise, practice, and review. Other assignments may include work that was not completed in class.



Quiz and test makeup days for students that were absent are on Wednesdays before school. The missed test or quiz must be made up the Wednesday immediately following the absence.

If you are unable to makeup a quiz or test and/or retake a test on this day, please see me.

Students may retest on any test for a higher grade provided they complete the following requirements.

1. Complete an error analysis and discuss test with the teacher.
2. Get test signed by parent or guardian.
3. Arrange for a time before or after school to school or during advisory time.
4. Give the teacher a 24 hour notice before scheduling retest.
5. Students may retest if they score below a 90%
6. The teacher will record the highest grade.
7. Limit of one retest per day.

Please see canvas announcements on how to log in to:

- Microsoft Teams
- Microsoft Outlook

Parents and Students, please join Remind! To join, send a text to 81010. Depending upon your class period, send the code below in the body of the text:

First Period: @mswatersf Second Period: @mswaterss Third Period: @mswatersth

Fourth Period: @mswatersfo Fifth Period: @mswatersfi

Students: Please sign below to signify that you have read the course sheet for Ms. Waters' class, will return it to the teacher, and will be responsible for the information throughout the year.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Parents: Please sign below to indicate that you have read the course sheet for Miss Waters' class and that you will help your child be accountable for the information.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date