

8th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Harris Road Middle School



School Year: 2021-2022

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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.



Class Materials

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

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

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.****

Absent?

It is your responsibility to locate and complete make-up work. When you return from an absence, check the canvas page 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.

Flocabulary and Everfi assignments are not accepted after the due date. Assignments are given weeks in advance.

Late Work?

All assignments should be turned in on time in order to receive full credit. Assignments turned in late may receive credit up to 89%, the highest "B." Ten points will be deducted per day. Late work will automatically be entered as 0% until the work is completed/turned in AND meets passing standards based on grading criteria.

****You will have one week from the set due day to turn in late work. It will NOT be accepted after one week has passed.****

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Homework

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.



Makeup Quizzes/Tests

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.****

Test Retakes

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

1. Complete an error analysis and the unit study guide.
2. Get the error analysis signed by a parent or guardian.
3. Retests will be held the following Wednesday before school.
4. Give the teacher a **48 hour** notice before scheduling retest. (**Monday at 9am and No later than 4**)
5. Students may retest if they score below a **90%**
6. The teacher will record the highest grade.
7. Limit of one retest per unit.

****Note you may only retest if you completed the requirements above.****

Email is the best way to get in touch with me. Please allow 24 hours for me to respond to your email as long as it is sent during the business week.

The class canvas is updated daily, and contains all work for this class. Please refer to the weekly schedule for all assignments and day to day activities in class.

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: @sswaters1 Second Period: @sswaters2 Third Period: @sswaters3

Fourth Period: @sswaters4 Fifth Period: @sswaters5

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