**Social Studies**

**8th Grade**

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**Welcome! I am thrilled to have you for social studies this year. This is my 17th year teaching social studies and my 7th year here in North Carolina. I am excited to work with Jamestown’s wonderful group of students. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. I want you and your child to have a great year!!**

**The purpose of this social studies class** is to provide students with an understanding of American and North Carolina History. Students will consider how historical events and social movements impacted the nation and the state of North Carolina. The goal of this course is to facilitate students’ critical thinking about society, both past and present, in relation to the United States and North Carolina.

**Required Supply List**

* Composition Notebook
* Loose Leaf Paper
* Pencils
* Colored Pencils
* Scissors

**Grading**

Students will be given daily classwork assignments, which if not completed during the class period become homework. Most homework assignments will be the completion of daily classwork. These assignments should be turned in the very next day to avoid points being deducted (late). Students should write this uncompleted classwork down in their agendas as they would a homework assignment.

Late work receives a 10 point deduction for every day that it is late. If not turned in 3 days, the student will be required to complete during lunch detention.

Because many of the assignments completed in class, such as the reading selections, essays, graphic organizers, and study guides could take several days to complete, students will be receiving roughly two to three grades a week, in addition to quizzes, tests, and project grades. Student work in monitored daily and grades will be posted weekly by 4:00 P.M. on the following Monday.

Interim and quarterly grades are determined as followed:

* Tests/Projects 30%
* Quizzes 30%
* Interactive Notebook (classwork, homework, & class participation) 40%

**Classroom Rules**

1. Respect other people and their property
2. Keep hands, feet, and unkind words to yourself.
3. Be on time.
4. Bring learning tools to class every day.
5. Follow the directions the first time given.

**Consequences**

1. Verbal Warning 5. After School Detention
2. Silent Lunch 6. Parent Conference
3. Parent Contact 7. Office Referral
4. In-Team Suspension

**Student Notebook**

All students are responsible for keeping an interactive notebook. This notebook will serve as a record of notes and daily assignments. Each assignment included in the class notebook will be numbered and recorded on the table of contents. Notebooks will be collected periodically for grading and count for a large portion of the students’ grade. All students are expected to have their notebook organized and up-to-date with completed assignments at all times.

**No Name Work**: Papers turned in with no name will not be graded.

**Absent Students:**  In the case of an absence, students are responsible for completing all work unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Students will be given ample time to complete make-up work in accordance with Guilford County Schools policy. Returning students are responsible for obtaining their make-up work from the teacher.

**Tablet Use**

Students will be given his/her own personal tablet. These will be for educational use only. Some assignments and projects will be completed via the tablet. It is up to each student to keep up with and take care of his/her tablet. In addition, it is the responsibility of the student to come to class with their tablet charged!!