



Social Studies 8

with Ms. Wooldridge

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COURSE CONTENT

Topics:

- The Revolutionary War Era
- Building a Nation
- Westward Expansion
- Divergent Paths of US Regions
- The Road to the Civil War
- The Civil War
- Civics and Government



Skills:

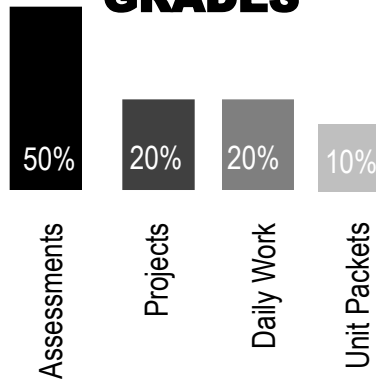
- Reading
- Writing
- Analysis
- Discussion
- Critical Thinking

Supplies



- College-Ruled Paper
- Multi-Colored Highlighters
- Pens and Pencils
- Somewhere to keep your work - folder, binder section, etc. No separate notebook is needed for this class.

ACADEMIC GRADES



- **Assessments:** There will be small quick check quizzes frequently throughout each unit, and a test at the end of each unit. Re-takes will not be allowed, but corrections will be offered for partial credit.

- **Projects:** There will be at least one project grade per unit. These projects are usually larger writing assignments that synthesize all of the content/skills that were explored during the unit.

- **Daily Work:** All classwork/ homework assignments are worth up to 4 points each. The grading scale is as follows:

- 4 points – Fully complete and effort evident
- 3 points - Mostly complete and/or fully complete but some more detail/effort needed
- 2 points – Partially complete and/or much more effort/detail needed
- 1 point – Mostly incomplete and/or little effort evident
- 0 – Missing or plagiarized assignment

- **Unit Packets:** Unit note/activity packets are collected and graded at the end of each unit.

Quarter academic grades are based on the following scale (NO ROUNDING):

- A – 90-100%
- B – 80-89.9%
- C – 70-79.9%
- D – 60-69.9%
- F – 0-59.9%

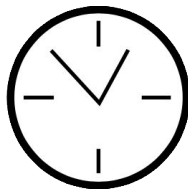
Grades are posted regularly in PowerSchool. Students should be proactive and take on the responsibility for monitoring their grades and contacting me with questions.

Textbook

All students will have online access to the full course textbook at home. Since the textbook is fully available online, no hard copies of textbooks will be distributed unless upon request - students who are unable to access the textbook online at home can request a hard copy. Please indicate on the back of the syllabus if a hard copy textbook is needed.

LATE / INCOMPLETE WORK

Late assignments will only be accepted until the end of the unit in which it was due, but will be accepted for full credit if completed correctly. No work from a unit will be accepted after the unit ends.



ABSENCES

It is crucial to attend school daily. If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to see me upon return. Any assignment that was due while the student was absent (but assigned before the absence) must be turned in immediately upon return.

Assignments missed during the absence will be provided and it is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in these assignments by the due date given. Students will be given two days to make up any assignments that were missed. Requests for work in advance of an absence will be provided only when possible.

TECHNOLOGY



--Phones are not allowed on campus. They must be off and stored in students' backpacks or lockers. . Students using devices inappropriately will be subject to Madrona's discipline policy.

--Students should bring their laptops/chromebooks to class every day and FULLY CHARGED!

BASIC RULES

Gum/candy/food is not allowed in class. Hats and hoods must be removed when walking in the door. Only water is allowed - no sodas, etc. You will get 4 "Out of Class" passes each quarter - any out of class trips without a pass will result in a tardy.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- Be responsible!**
 - Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
 - Have all necessary materials with you.
 - Be mentally ready to learn.
- Be respectful!**
 - Stay engaged and focused.
 - Participate appropriately.
 - Be respectful to yourself, your peers, your teacher, and the room.
 - Take responsibility for and pride in your actions and your work.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Copying/cheating/plagiarizing on any assignment will result in an automatic 0% on that assignment. The copying of homework or classwork will also result in a possible "N" in citizenship for the first offense for all parties involved. Subsequent offenses or cheating/plagiarizing on a quiz or project will result in an automatic "U" in citizenship. All cheating is referred to the administration for further disciplinary action.

I have read the course information and understand the class policies and expectations.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent signature _____

CITIZENSHIP AND EFFORT GRADES



Citizenship and effort grades are earned quarterly and are based on a student's adherence to the expectations outlined on the left. Citizenship grades are also discussed in the Handbook online.

The following scale for citizenship grades will be used:

E = Excellent
S = Satisfactory
N = Needs Improvement
U = Unsatisfactory.

The following scale for effort grades will be used:

5 = Outstanding
4 = Satisfactory
3 = Fair
2 = More Effort Needed
1 = No effort evident.

Do you need a hard copy of the textbook?

Yes

No