

# Syllabus

# Social Studies

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**Goal:** With an emphasis on critical thinking and analysis, and empowering historians and anthropologist through an engaging approach of looking at primary and secondary sources, students will discuss and write frequently. They will learn to question, analyze, and argue their thinking.



## Materials

These are items that you will be using in class.

- ❑ **Binder:** Needs to be brought to school every day to help keep all notes and classwork organized.
- ❑ **Pencil Bag:** Writing utensils will be required daily, color pencils will be required several times each unit; best practice is to keep them with you at all times.



## Schoology Reminders

- ❑ Notifications turned **ON**
- ❑ Always hit **SUBMIT** on assignments
- ❑ Check for Daily Agenda / Upcoming Assignments



## Units

Here is the list of Units we will explore this year

- ➔ *Introduction into Geography*
- ➔ *Understanding Culture*
- ➔ *North America*
- ➔ *South America*
- ➔ *Europe*
- ➔ *Southwest Asia and North Africa*
- ➔ *Sub-Saharan Africa*
- ➔ *Asia*
- ➔ *Australia and Oceania*



## Absences and Makeup Work

- ➔ If you are absent from class, YOU are responsible for getting and making up any missing work
  - First Check schoology as lessons are posted there every day.
  - See me before or after school or during advisory- **not during class time** - to get help, ask questions about missing work, or make up tests/quizzes
  - Work from Absent Work bin (will be categorized chronologically, so remember the date you were out).
  - You will have an extension equal to the days that you are absent to make up work



## Late Work

- ➔ Students have 5 days to submit late assignments with a mild penalty. After 5 days, students can submit late work for a maximum grade of 50%.
  - Long-term assignments have a 1 day grace period for late work submitted. After that, a 10% penalty per day will be assessed.
- ➔ Extensions will be given to students who contact me **before** an assignment is due to request one



## Procedures and Expectations

### → Be prepared

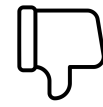
- Turn in assignments on time
- Check Schoology / Whiteboard for daily tasks

### → Participate in class daily

- Work hard
- Ask questions
- Limit distractions (including with technology)

### → Be respectful and understanding of classmates and me

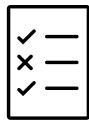
- Listen when others are speaking
- Conduct yourself appropriately



## Consequences

If a student chooses not to meet these expectations, the following consequences will be followed:

- ☐ **Verbal Warning**
- ☐ **Teacher Detention + Parent Contact**
- ☐ **Administrative Referral**



## Additional Policies

→ **NO PHONES** - Everything needed for class is accessible on our Chromebooks. Phones are **not permitted** for use in class, and should be turned off and placed in the blue wall pockets or kept in your backpack at all times.



- **No warnings** will be given - if the phone is being used, **it will be taken**
- If phone use becomes an issue, it will find a permanent home on Mrs Pfenninger's desk during classtime
- This includes airpods in ears during class activities

→ **Food/Drinks** - You may only have water during class. Please refrain from eating snacks, unless given explicit permission. This helps us keep our learning environment clean and pest free.



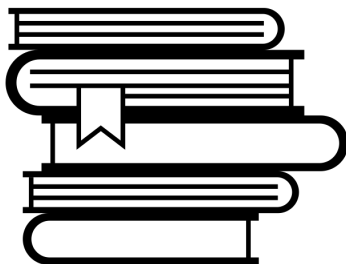
## Plagiarism

→ **Just don't. Seriously.**

- I expect your work to be original, and plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- You will receive a zero for any assignments that are plagiarized, a write up, and a parent contact.

Is it plagiarism? A quiz:

- ☐ Did you, at any point, copy and paste it from the internet?  
☐ **A: Yes.**
- ☐ Is it someone else's ideas that you reworded?  
☐ **A: Yes.**
- ☐ Did you take another student's work and reword it?  
☐ **A: Yes**



## Student Accountability Agreement

Please fill out this form by initially each promise indicating you have read it, sign it, have my parent initial and sign it, and return it to your teacher.

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|-----|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | I promise to be honest and have integrity with all of my work.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.  | I promise to come to school prepared with my binder, paper, and writing utensils.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.  | I promise to check schoology first if I am absent from school.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.  | I promise to be responsible and organized with my things so that I can be as successful as possible.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.  | I promise to contact my teacher if any issues arise before they become a problem   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.  | I promise I will be responsible with technology, using the computers responsibly and keeping them in working order.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.  | I promise to be responsible with my technology, keeping them TURNED OFF and put away through the entirety of the class period. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8.  | I promise to take care of the classroom furniture, refraining from breaking and drawing on books, computers, desks, or chairs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9.  | I promise to be courteous and kind to all other humans.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. | I promise to try my best and work to having a successful year.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I have read and agree to the above promises.

Student Signature

Parent Signature