**8th Grade Social Studies**

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## **Class Requirements**

1. Be in your seat and quiet, and ready to participate in class **BEFORE** the bell STARTS to ring.
2. Respect all other people in the room and their property at ALL times.
3. Bring all required material to class-
   1. 1-1/2” 3 ring binder with 10 dividers
   2. Something write with
   3. Assignment for the day
   4. Assignment book
4. Students are to sign up for a Remind account for class announcements

## **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CLASS**

1. FOLDER- two pockets with a place to attach notes in the center.
2. Agenda Book. (Required by all 8th grade teachers)
3. Pen or pencil.
4. Remind Account- https://www.remind.com/

### Your Grade

There will be two types of assignments in 8th Grade Social Studies. One type will be known as ***Academic Practice***. This type of assignment is designed to allow you to work with the material being studied and is to allow the student to acquire information while practicing the skills that they are learning. These assessments will consist of classroom assignments, homework assignments, and certain authentic assessments designed to help the student to gather and organize the content that is being studied. Academic Practice will carry a lesser weight in a student’s grade than the second type of assignment, known as Academic Achievement.

***Academic Achievement-*** This type of assessment is used by the teacher to determine the degree of mastery each student has of the content being studied. Tests, quizzes and some authentic assessments will be considered Academic Achievement Assessments and will count as a significantly higher percentage of the student’s grade.

**Assignment Policy**

Students are required to do their assignments whether they are completed in class or at home. Doing assignments consistently is essential in order to achieve success. Assignments are given for the purpose of learning new concepts, acquiring information, and practicing concepts. Every assignment will be checked on its due date. Being that assignment completion is essential for success, late assignments will be accepted up to the day of the unit assessment. Since the goal of each student should be to master the material being studied, all students will have **one** chance to re-due all tests they score lower than a 75% on. Students will receive full credit for all Second Chance attempts on tests they choose to re-take. Students are encouraged to come in during I.E to receive help with concepts that were missed on first chance tests. Students should to come to me during I.E. anytime they feel they are having difficulties with the material being studied in class or if they have any questions about assignments or grading.

**Course Objective**

In eighth grade students will continue with the four year historical sequence that was started in seventh grade with an in-depth study of the early years of the United States of America. While students are studying a particular historic event in the United States they also look at its geographic settings, economic implications, developments in government, and the role of citizens.

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