

# Syllabus

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies: American History

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**Mrs. Reinhart**  
**school**  
**Room:**

**W**elcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies! My name is Mrs. Reinhart, and I am looking forward to working with you throughout the rest of the year. During this year, we will learn essential topics in American History. However, in order to cover all of the content needed and to provide an open, encouraging learning environment for all students, certain classroom guidelines have been established.

**Parents**, please take the time to review this syllabus with your student(s). It is important that each student knows his or her expectations to do well in the class.

### **Classroom Materials**

Students are expected to come prepared for class. All students will need the following materials for class:

#### **For Social Studies:**

- **Agenda** \*\*provided by the school
- **Spiral Notebook**
- **Chromebook** \*\*provided by the school

#### **For the School:**

- 3-ring binder (1.5 to 2 inches) with dividers and a section for Social Studies
- pen, pencils, highlighters
- paper
- colored pencils
- Expo or dry-erase marker (any color)

### **Grading Scale and Policy:**

Students will receive two grades for this class: a Academic Grade and a Citizenship Grade. (See page 11 in your student's agenda for an example.)

#### **1. Academic Grade:**

*Scale: A = Excellent, B = Above Average, C = Average, D = Below Average, F = Failure*

- **Assessments (30% of Grade)**
  - Assessments may consist of tests, quizzes, common assessments, and the District Constitution Test
- **Homework (10% of Grade)**
  - Homework may consist of assignments intended for student practice at home, the completion of classwork assignments or studying for upcoming tests.
- **Classwork (60% of Grade)**
  - Classwork may consist of daily assignments given by the teacher in class, participation in the class, or class projects.
- Grades will be updated biweekly for each student.
- If a student is absent, he or she can make up any missing assignments.
- *Late work may be turned in, but assignments will not be accepted if more than one grading term late.*

#### **2. Citizenship Grade:**

*Scale: 5 = Outstanding, 4 or 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Needs Improvement, 1 = Unsatisfactory*

- To receive an Outstanding or Satisfactory Citizenship grades, students are expected to follow the general classroom guidelines and display classroom manners.

- **Classroom Manners:**
  - Follow the directions for each activity.
  - **Use your cell-phone ONLY WHEN ALLOWED.**
  - The teacher dismisses the class, NOT THE BELL.
  - Ask permission to get out of your seat or sharpen your pencil.
  - No profanity in class.
  - Do NOT touch other people's property.
  - Keep your personal business to yourself.

**General Classroom Rules:**

1. **Respect yourself, your classmates, your faculty/teachers and school property.**
2. **Be seated, prepared and quietly working when the bell rings.**
  - Students need to come to class with all materials.
  - Students need to write their homework assignment in the student agenda at the beginning of class.
  - Students need to have homework prepared for the day it is due.
3. **Always listen when the teacher is talking.**
4. **Follow school-wide rules in student agenda.**
5. **NO GUM, food or drinks in class.**

**Technology Use:**

Spurgeon Intermediate provides technology resources, specifically ChromeBook laptops to students for use in class. These laptops are designed to enhance student learning and academic experiences. CHROMEBOOKS NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO CLASS EVERYDAY.

**The following policy is to ensure that students use technology safely and legally. The use of technology resources is a privilege—not a right.**

1. *Accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account. Students will not delete accounts that do not belong to them.*
2. *Absolutely no downloading, storing or printing files/messages that contain profanity and/or obscene or sexual images.*
3. *Absolutely no intentional transmission of anything offensive, harassing, or bullying including statements, messages or images.*
4. *Absolutely no plagiarism will be tolerated. Plagiarism is the use of someone else's words or ideas (whether intentional or unintentional) without providing the owner credit for his or her work.*
5. *Students will ask the teacher for permission before using any technology resource.*
6. *Students will not allow any other student to use technology resources, unless the other student has permission from a teacher.*
7. *Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of all technology resources while they are in use.*
8. *Students are responsible for using technology for academic purposes only. Social media sites such as Facebook are NOT to be used during class time.*

**The consequences for violating any of the above policies for use of technology resources are:**

- **Suspension or loss of privilege to use some or all of the technology resources.**
- **The student and/or the parent/legal guardian may be responsible for serious damage.**

If students DO NOT follow the classroom guidelines, the following consequences will apply:

**Consequences**

First offense	Warning or sentences
Second offense	Sentences, solitary work or 15 minute detention and call to parents
Third offense	20 minutes to 1 hour detention and call to parents
Fourth offense	Referral to office and call to parents

**Positive Recognition**

If students follow all of the classroom guidelines and work to the best of their ability, they will be recognized for their efforts through positive reports, progressive grades, supportive notes home, and/or calls to parents. Special privileges, when available, will also be given to students.

*Parents please sign and date the letter below to confirm that you have read the letter and discussed its contents with your child. Keep this letter for your references at home. Please have your student cut out and return the signed portion by August 16, 2019. Feel free to contact me at the information below if you have any questions or concerns.*

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a wonderful rest of the school year with you!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Reinhart  
Phone  
email

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I have read and understood the above policies:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_