

8th grade Social Studies

Miss Blackburn

Welcome to 8th grade Social Studies!

I look forward to getting to know each one of you! 8th grade Social studies is all about American History and we will learn about the foundation of our country through the end of the Civil War. Get ready for a lot of work and a lot of fun!

Class materials:

- ❖ 1 inch three ring binder
- ❖ Dividers for binder (3)
- ❖ 1-2 packs of college ruled paper for binder
- ❖ LOTS of pencils and cap erasers
- ❖ Mini stapler
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Glue sticks
- ❖ Colored pencils
- ❖ ruler
- ❖ 1 pack of Highlighters
- ❖ Box of tissues
- ❖ 1 bottle of Hand sanitizer or Clorox wipes

What we will be learning:

- Unit 1:** Revolution!
- Unit 2:** Foundations of a New Nation
- Unit 3:** Challenges to an Emerging Nation
- Unit 4:** Antebellum Reform Movements
- Unit 5:** Regional and Economic Growth
- Unit 6:** The Coming of the Civil War
- Unit 7:** The Civil War/Reconstruction

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How to reach me:

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2. Google Classroom
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Google Classroom codes

(make sure to join the correct class)

2nd hour: nvylteg

3RD hour: 2ns3ky2

4TH hour: r7ljgld

5th hour: xxdtglo

Grading scale:

- A+ = 100
- A = 99 - 93
- A- = 92 - 90
- B+ = 89 - 87
- B = 86 - 83
- B- = 82 - 80
- C+ = 79 - 77
- C = 76 - 73
- C- = 72 - 70
- D+ = 69 - 67
- D = 66 - 63
- D- = 62 - 60
- F = 59 - 50

Grades will regularly be updated as soon as assignments can be graded, typically on Mondays. Please check grades often and feel free to ask any questions you might have.

Classroom Expectations:

- ❖ Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and your environment.
- ❖ Be on time, on task, and prepared to learn every day.
- ❖ Raise your hand and wait to be called on.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and keep things clean for others.
- ❖ Always try your best and do all your work.

Absent Policy

Yes! We did something important while you were absent! It is your responsibility to check with me or with me and google classroom for your work. You have **as many days as you were absent to** make up missed work. After that, any missing assignments will be accepted as late. Any assignment you are absent for will be entered as a **ZERO** until it is turn in.

Extra Credit:

There are extra credit opportunities throughout the year that you can take advantage of to boost your grade. You can also earn 5 extra credit points for bringing in classroom supplies.

***Limit: three times per quarter.**

What if something is late?

Late work is welcome but will be graded for $\frac{1}{2}$ credit after the date it is due. I understand that sometimes life happens, so each student will be issued 3 late passes per quarter that can be used to turn in assignment up to 3 days late or full credit.

Covid-19 Procedures

- ❖ Sit in your assigned seat every day.
- ❖ Maintain 6 feet social distance from others.
- ❖ Keep a face mask on the entire class period. Breaks will be given between classes.
- ❖ Do not share materials with others.
- ❖ Wash your hands or use sanitizer when possible.

I always want you to remember:

- ✓ Struggling is a part of learning.
- ✓ You are capable of **anything**.
- ✓ You are the focus of this class, not me.
- ✓ You are **responsible** for your learning, not me.
- ✓ Everything you do affects everyone else.
- ✓ You are **important** as a learner and as a human being.

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Syllabus agreement by students and their families:

I, _____ (name of student)

have read and understand the rules and expectations for Social Studies. I understand that it is my responsibility to get all needed materials, and to ask my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I also understand that it is my responsibility to communicate with my teacher if I am not capable of meeting all expectations. Finally, I have reviewed the policies for late work, extra credit, and Covid 19 procedures and understand the consequences for not following these policies.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Best way to contact parent/ guardians:

parent/ guardian name:

Phone: _____ time of day: _____

Email: _____