

Course Syllabus: Grade 8 Social Studies

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Welcome to Grade 8 Social Studies. I hope that you will enjoy studying the societies of our past.

There are a few things that I would like to mention. You are expected to bring the necessary supplies to class. These include 2 pens, a pencil, and a duo tang filled with paper (we will use a new duo tang for each of our units). We will set up our first duo tang during our first class so please bring it with you.

This course deals with the entirety of human history. It is broken down into the following units:

Unit 1: Understanding Societies of the Past and Present

Unit 2: Early Societies of Mesopotamia, Egypt or the Indus Valley

Unit 3: Ancient Societies of Greece and Rome

Unit 4: Transition to the Modern World (500 to 1400)

Unit 5: Shaping the Modern World (1400 to 1850)

The students work will be marked according to the following criteria:

Classwork 40%

Major Projects 20%

Test 20%

Final Exam 20%

The following policy will be followed in regards to late assignments. A penalty of -2% a day will be taken off every day to a maximum of 10%. After a total of two weeks the student will receive a mark of 0 in the project.

Any student who fails to hand in at least three assignments during a unit will be expected to complete a major make-up project.