

Jonesboro Middle School
Eight Grade Social Studies Syllabus
2016-2017

Make this year in Social Studies a SUCCESSFUL one!

We welcome you to the wonderful world of eight grade. We hope this syllabus will assist you and your child toward a better understanding of our Social Studies class procedures and curriculum.

The students will focus on the following Power Concepts per domain:

Social Studies K-12 Power Concepts	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Economics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Systems Scarcity Costs and Benefits of Trade Factors of Production 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Government</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship Forms of Government Role of Government Power of Government
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location Human-Environment Interaction Culture <i>(religion, language, traditions & diffusion)</i> Movement <i>(goods, people, ideas & push/pull factors)</i> Spatial Relationships <i>(local to global; globalization)</i> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes/Impact of War Impact of Imperialism/Colonization Conflicting Beliefs <i>(social, political, economic & resolutions)</i> Interdisciplinary Connections <i>(social, political, economic, & environmental systems)</i>

Homework

Homework is a key component of the learning process. Homework is expected to be completed neatly and on time. Please encourage your student to complete all tasks. Students are also encouraged to study their social studies material on a nightly basis.

Social Studies Fair

Social Studies fair will provide a variety of educational experiences. Students will take notes, write thesis statements, write a research paper and organize a bibliography.

Tests

Informal and formative assessment will be administered to monitor and plan a curriculum to meet the needs of students.

Grading Scale	Assignment Grade Percents	Graded Assignments
90 - 100 A 80 - 89 B 71 - 79 C 70 D below 70 F	Class assignments 45% Quiz / 15% Test / Final 15 % Homework 10% Projects 15% TOTAL AVERAGE ...100%	Class assignments Homework Morning activities (Class HITS) Vocabulary Quizzes Essays Unit test Notebook spiral checks Class participation Group Assignments Social Studies Fair Final (end of od the school year)
Failure is NOT an Option!		

Make Up Work

It is the **student's** responsibility to check for his/her make-up work. Students will have **2 days** after the date of return to complete and turn in all assignments missed during their absence.

Special Points of Interest

•Eight Grade Standards: Go to www.georgiastandards.org • Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at the following email address below if you have any questions. You may also contact us for an appointment during our planning time Monday and Friday at

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