



8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
U.S. HISTORY
COLONIZATION-CIVIL WAR
Mr. Zbrzezny's (Mr. Z's) class syllabus

Contact Info:

The best way to contact me is via email. zbrzeznyb@mishawaka.k12.in.us. I also have voice mail (574)254-3642.

Materials Needed For Class Daily:

3 Subject Notebook with Pocket Folder	
Social Studies Book	Pen/Pencil
Red Grading Pen	Agenda

Homework Policy:

Students will need to complete homework on time. Late work will be accepted but will only receive **75% credit 1 day late, and 50% credit after that.**

Students have the opportunity to redo all homework assignments that have been graded. A redone homework assignment **must** be done on separate paper and stapled to the original. Only what was done incorrectly on the original assignment needs to be redone (If it was right the first time leave it alone!). Homework that has been redone on the original paper will **NOT** be graded! Students can gain half of the points they missed if answers are redone correctly. This can be done anytime during the grading period. A message on the chalk board will be placed toward the end of the grading period announcing the last day to submit late or redone homework for that grading period. Due to the fact that students can redo homework I ask that students hold only all graded work until the end of the grading period in their Social Studies folder.

Tests:

Chapter and unit tests are given in class. Students are told several days in advance of upcoming tests. Test study guides are always given out, and students need to complete them. Throughout the year we will take notes in class and students are given some notebook time on all **CHAPTER** tests (10-15 min. at the end of the test to use their Social Studies notebook)

Test re-takes are offered for all tests. Re-takes are offered after school on 2 different days, I will always post retake days at least 3 days in advance. Any student has the option to retake a test. If they score better on the retake the new test score will **REPLACE** their original one, if a student scored higher the 1st time the original score will remain in the grade book. This means the only thing a student has to loose by taking a retake is **AFTER** school time!

Agenda:

Students are required to write in their agenda daily. The agenda is posted daily on the agenda board (side chalkboard) and in the daily agenda book (located in the back of the classroom). Students are asked to write this down at the start of EVERY class. The agenda will be checked once a week and points given for each entry. (Average week 5 pts. - 1 per day)

Student Absence:

Students are responsible for making up all work that was missed while they were absent. Students need to contact me before school, lunch time, or after school on the day they return to school. Do **not** wait until class to get make-up work. Students have 1 extra day per absence to make up their work. There is a copy of the daily agenda in the back of the room for students to copy down if they were absent; once the daily agenda is checked a student then needs to see me. If a student is absent for a test/quiz they will need to make that test/quiz up before/after school or during lunch.

Grading policy:

The School City of Mishawaka grading scale will be used to calculate the grade. This class will be based on a total point system. Each assignment, test, quiz, or project will be assigned a point value. At the end of each grading period student grades will be calculated by adding up a student's earned points and dividing them by the total possible points for the grading period and finally multiplying by 100. The resulting number will be a percentage that can be plugged into the School City of Mishawaka grading scale to determine the student's letter grade.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Follow the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This rule sums up all classroom expectations.
2. When I am speaking, you should be listening, not talking. I in turn will do the same for you.
3. You need to raise your hand if you want to speak.
4. Homework should be done before class starts **not** at the start of class the day it is due.
5. You need to come to class with all of your supplies.
6. You are responsible for yourself and need to treat **all** classmates with respect.

