

# SOCIAL STUDIES Ms. ANTHONY 2018 - 2019 ROOM M-3

## WELCOME TO SOCIAL STUDIES!

These guidelines will introduce you to the class and help you to have a successful year.

## CURRICULUM

**Social Studies:** This year you will focus on ancient events and problems in places like China, India, Egypt, and the Fertile Crescent. You'll have an opportunity to grapple with geography, environmental issues, political systems and power structures, and civic engagement as we look at fundamental ideas about citizenship, freedom, morality, and law. You'll practice history as an interpretive discipline, reading written primary sources and secondary sources, investigating visual primary sources, and learning how to analyze multiple points of view. You'll also learn how to cite evidence from sources and make claims in writing and speaking based on that evidence.

## POLICIES AND STANDARDS

**Attendance:** Be in school unless you're ill. If you're absent, you must make up the missing work. Assignments are given daily and you will be expected to make note of them in your school planner. I will also provide a "Weekly Workstrip" that gives a general idea of what is happening throughout the week and I will post your homework online. If you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to check your "Weekly Workstrip" and check in with me when you return to see what you have missed. I am available after school for consultation and tutoring. Please come to see me to collect missed work and/or clarify the missing assignments. Class participation in special activities (such as group presentations) is impossible to make up and will therefore receive a 59% unless special arrangements are made in advance to complete an alternative assignment.

In case of a long-term illness, please contact Ms. Anthony or the main office and arrange to have your work sent home so you can keep up. Circumstances, such as trips or educational opportunities, do come up and may require you to miss school. In these cases, your parents should arrange with the main office for an independent contract at least 5 days in advance. Missing work does lower your grade in class, so please make appropriate arrangements. An absence, even if valid, does **not** excuse you from doing the work.

**Make-Up Quizzes:** If you are absent and miss a quiz or exam, you will be expected to take the test upon your return. It is **your responsibility** to take care of this.

**Homework:** Homework is essential. You cannot earn an "A" or a "B" in this course without doing your homework. On average, I expect you to spend about twenty minutes a night on homework for this course. Most homework in Social Studies is an extension of the work done in class. Daily homework will be communicated to you in the following ways:

- Assigned verbally by the teacher
- Listed in your Weekly Workstrip
- Posted online

Homework should always be your **own** work and reflect how well **you** understand the material. Continual lack of homework will result in poor citizenship grades, referrals, or exclusion from class activities. You should also note that there will be some days on which no specific homework is assigned, on those days you are expected to keep up with your independent reading for your English class as well as long-term assignments, such as research papers and projects.

Please sign the last page and return by Friday, August 31. Thank you.

**Academic Honesty:** You learn by doing your own work, not by copying from someone else's work. All students involved in copying and/or plagiarism (this includes the student that copied the work **as well as** the student who furnished the work to be copied) will receive a zero on the assignment (without the opportunity to complete an alternative assignment,) as well as a lower citizenship grade and the consequences spelled out in the middle school policies on the school website.

**Late Work:** All work should be complete and ready to be turned in on time. Absentee work due to illness should be completed as well, but has a more flexible deadline. If you have a valid excuse for not having your homework (a problem beyond your control), please talk to me privately before class. A note from your parent does not automatically excuse you from doing your work, especially long-term assignments for which you were given several days or weeks to do.

**Textbooks:** There are two textbooks for this course, Holt's Ancient World and Medieval to Early Modern Times. There will not be a need to bring your books to class as we have class sets at our disposal.

**Supplies:** I recommend you bring these items **every day**:

- blank, lined paper
- Grant student planner (provided by the school)
- spiral "Interactive Notebook"
- colored pencils
- 2 black or dark blue pens
- glue stick/clear tape
- 1 sharpened/mechanical pencil
- red or green correcting pen
- ruler/straight edge

*Put the following in plastic page protectors (for reference):*

- Partner Assignments
- Netbook Password Handout
- Citizenship Grading Guide

**Classroom Environment:** Overpowering smells and excessive noise are distracting and impede the learning process. Please refrain from applying scented lotions and hand sanitizers in class; make sure your cell phone is turned off and is stored safely in your backpack. Your cell phone should not be stored on your person at school.

**Media Release:** We enjoy sharing with our community the great things our students at Grant are doing. During the course of the school year, photographs and/or video footage may be taken of students in this classroom and these photos may be posted on the school website.

**Student Conferences:** If you have a problem that interferes with your schoolwork, talk to me privately right away. I understand that some circumstances are beyond your control, but I cannot help you or make special arrangements if I am not aware of those circumstances. We need to work together to solve problems. You will find me flexible and understanding.

**Parent Conferences:** Parents may arrange a conference at any time by making an appointment in advance. I welcome and appreciate parent communication. You may leave me a message at the main office at (619) 293-4420, or you may contact me directly at [aanthony@sandi.net](mailto:aanthony@sandi.net).

## Grades

100-91 = A	Progress reports are issued every 6 weeks. You will be advised of the deadline dates to submit absentee work before the end of each term. Official grade reports occur at the end of the semester in January and at the end of the year in June. These reports become part of your permanent record. Grades can be checked at any time, online, on PowerSchool, using your computer ID and password. Parents, please contact the registrar for your access ID.
90 = A-	
89 = B+	
88-81 = B	
80 = B-	
79 = C+	Points are assigned to all work done in this class. Projects are graded using a rubric so you know what is expected in advance. More difficult, lengthy, and long-term assignments carry more weight than short, relatively easy ones. Missing work will receive a zero, so please, give your best effort and make sure to turn in your work.
78-71 = C	
70 = C-	
69 = D+	<b><u>Extra credit is not available in this course.</u></b> Turn in your work on time, always do your best, and you won't need any "extra" work.
68-61 = D	
60 = D-	
59-0 = F	