

Hickory Creek Middle School Seventh Grade Social Studies

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Textbook

The American Journey

Curriculum

First Trimester

Early American History Review
American Colonies Review
The French and Indian War



Second Trimester

The Revolutionary War
The United States Constitution

Third Trimester

The Illinois Constitution
The Federalist Period
The Louisiana Purchase and the War of 1812

**Each trimester the students will participate in various geography lessons, economic lessons, as well as reading and summarizing current events.*

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to follow the school rules at all times while in social studies class. Specific rules for my classroom are:

1. Students must bring **ALL SUPPLIES** to class **EVERYDAY**.
2. Students must practice excellent **listening skills** daily.
3. All work must be kept neatly in a **binder**.



Classroom Grading

1. The following grading scale has been adopted by the Frankfort 157C Board of Education.

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

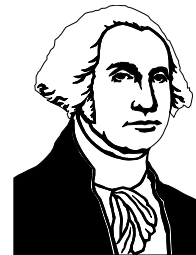
60-69 = D

2. Grades are derived from the following sources: daily work, quizzes, tests, writing assignments, projects, and participation.
3. Grades are weighted according to the length and difficulty of the material and the purpose of the work.
4. Students are informed beforehand the weight or point value of a grade.
5. Most projects are assigned with an accompanying "Requirement Sheet", so students are informed about project expectations.
6. Students are given a variety of methods and opportunities to reflect learning.
7. Extra credit will be offered on occasion to the entire class. When this occurs, student participation is optional.

Homework Policy

All homework assigned in this class will be given for specific educational purposes. Therefore, it is expected that all homework be completed on time. Homework will be graded during the first part of each class period. Work that is left at home, in a locker or elsewhere is considered late. Students will not be able to return to their lockers to retrieve it. However, because mistakes happen, the work will be accepted the next day and given half credit.

Homework will be posted daily on the white board. Students are expected to record assignments in their assignment notebooks each day. If a student is absent from class for any reason, it is their responsibility to collect the missing work.



How to Reach Us

We truly believe that open communication between the home and school is the key to all children's success at school. Seventh grade can be a trying time for some students. Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or concerns.

THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT US IS BY E-MAIL:

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