

## Mrs. McIntyre

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Class Procedures

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#### Materials Needed:

1. Spiral Notebook (or section of a 5 subject spiral)
2. Pencils or Pens (Blue/Black ink)
3. Pocket folder or 3 ring binder for handouts

#### General Class Rules **\*\*The wording for this may be adjusted. As collective classes, we will come up for expectations for both teacher and students**

1. Have all materials in class.
2. Turn all assignments in *on time*..
3. Treat all with respect.
4. NO backpacks or cell phones in class without prior permission

**Consequences:** My policy for issues with ALL classroom rules as well as tardiness to class and cell phones in class are the same! **\*\*\*Please be aware that detentions between 8/18-10/31 WILL have an impact on eligibility for the DC trip.**

- a. 1st infringement = Verbal warning
- b. 2nd infringement = Teacher detention/parent contact
- c. 3rd infringement = Teacher detention/parent contact
- d. 4th infringement and above = Office referral

#### Grading:

Grades will be based on

1. Homework (which are checkpoints on Summit)
2. Daily Work (which is a project in and of itself each quarter)
3. Tests/Quizzes (Which are “test-projects” on Summit. There will be traditional tests for 4 units during the year. P)
4. Projects

**Homework:**

· Homework is rarely assigned. Anything that is to be completed is given time in class to start (to allow students to ask questions, get extra help, even finish early!). If you are noticing your student doing a lot of social studies homework, please let me know! This might mean they are not using their class time wisely, OR they need extra help and may not be asking!

**Daily Work:**

Students will be responsible for daily work and participation in class.

**Tests:** Outside focus areas (which are short, multiple choice assessments that students may use notes to take), it is important for students to learn how to take more traditional “tests”. This will prepare them for high school, standardized tests, and even college! There will be 4 tests throughout the year that students will prepare for. NO NOTES will be allowed on these tests. However, we will go into detailed instruction on HOW to prepare for everything from an objective test, to an essay. The tests will be scored and a part of the a separate Summit project for that unit.

**Projects:**

Students will have at least one “project” per unit. Some projects may be with a group, while others are individual. However, students are graded on THEIR work, not as a group grade.

**General Syllabus:**

Quarter 1: Washington DC/Creating your own Capital. (Students will gain an understanding of our Nation’s Capital, and what is included in a capital city. Start Mythbusters

Quarter 2: Constitutional Conventions, The US Constitution and Civics

Quarter 3: Eyes on the Prize, Westward Expansion

Quarter 4: Civil War and Reconstruction