

8th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

A. Notebooks:

You will need to have a notebook or a computer for this class. Notes will be taken and labeled correctly for all assignments, lectures, and films. The notes can be on notebook paper or typed on a computer. These will be worth 5 points per lesson, lecture, and film.

B. Study Guides:

These are for the purpose of reviewing the main points of the units. You will receive these (via email) prior to the Unit Test. There are questions on the Study Guide which may not be on the test. These are worth 40 points.

C. Lecture Outlines

These will be given to you via email and will be completed. These will be filled out during the lecture. I will review these on the tests days.

D. Oral Reports:

There will be one each semester. These will be 3 minutes long. There can only be one person per topic. The requirements of this report will be covered at a later date. These will be worth 100 points and are a part of the project grade for that quarter.

E. Daily Quizzes:

There will be a quiz after each reading assignment. **Your notes can be used on the quizzes.** These are very important! These are worth 5-10 points.

F. Tests:

There are two types of test for each unit; first, the M/C, T/F, matching, and fill-in-the-blank test. Secondly, an essay test. The essay test will cover one question per chapter. You will know the questions two days before the test. Each test will be worth 100 points. **These are very important because it shows me what you know.**

G. Lions on Top Club:

After the first unit the student that has the highest grade will have their name placed on the wall. After the second unit the highest grade overall and the student that improved the most from the first unit to the second unit, will have their name placed on the wall. Any student that has a D or an F for the unit cannot qualify for the club. Any student that makes the club three straight units will always be on it. If you make the club you don't have to take reading notes during the time you are on it.

H. Grading:

All grades are based on this total points system:

Grades:

1. Tests – will always be worth 100 points.
2. Projects – will always be worth 50 points.
3. Daily Quizzes – the GQ answers are worth 1 point each and each quiz answer will be worth 2 points each.
4. Lesson Outlines will be worth 5 points for each lesson, lecture worksheet, and lecture discussion.
5. Study Guides will be worth 40 points.
6. All other daily work will be one point per answer.

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I. Extra Credit

You will be able to earn 70 points extra credit per quarter. There will be three methods of earning extra credit points.

1. Movies or TV Shows: any show which relates to history can be used. These must have prior approval by both the teacher and the parents. You must watch the entire program and have your parents sign the summary sheet which shows that you completed the program. Summary sheets can be obtained from the teacher. These will be graded and can be worth 20 points. You can only watch 2 movies each quarter. You can only receive credit once for a movie during 7th and 8th grade.

2. Book Reports on any book that relate to history. These must be approved by the teacher. These are graded and can be worth 35 points.

3. People and Places You Should Know Bulletin Board – every month there will be list of names of people you should know and a list of places in the world you should know about. To receive the extra credit you must research the person or place and write a summary about what you learned. Each one of these will be worth 10 points.

4. Podcast – these are worth 50 Points. These are found on the Extra Credit board. Just listen to the Ben Franklin’s World Podcast that I have on the board. Write a one page summary and hand in.

I. Grading Scale

A+	100	B+	90-88	C+	81-79	D+	72-70
A	99-94	B	87-85	C	78-76	D	69-67
A-	93-91	B-	84-82	C-	75-73	D-	66-64
						F	63-00

J. Make-Up Work

If you are absent it is your responsibility to get the assignments off the assignment board in the front of the room. You will have two days to complete work for every day you are absent. One week will be the maximum to complete the work unless it is an extended absence. Any work not completed on time will be treated as late work.

K. Late and Incomplete Work

Anytime you have late or incomplete work you will receive a zero until it is turned in. Then you will receive 60% of the credit you earned on the assignment. **Remember any incomplete or late work will mean a Pride Check.**

L. Attendance

This is the most important part of this class. It is very hard to teach you when you are not here.

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Parents please sign and send this sheet back with your child to signify that you have read the syllabus. Or you can email me at beckenro@centrallyon.org This is worth 10 points for them. Please keep the syllabus for your use at home. These can also be found on my web page on the Central Lyon Web Site.

Parent's Signature: _____