



Spirit Creek Middle School
8TH Grade Social Studies
Syllabus
2022-2023

Mr. Gracy
Room 22

What will we study?

- ✓ **Georgia Studies**- students study Georgia geography, history, government, and economics. While the four strands are interwoven, ample opportunity is also provided for in-depth study of the geography of Georgia and the government of Georgia. U.S. historical events are included, as appropriate, to ensure students understand Georgia's role in the history of the United States.

Every Grade Counts!

The grading system for 8th grade Social Studies is as follows:

Summative – Tests, Projects,
Essays, Extended Discussions, Tests **50%**

Formative- Quizzes, Assignments/Classwork, Short
Discussions, entrance/exit tickets, Warm-ups,
Homework **50%**

Grading information

A- 100-90 B- 80-89
C- 75-79 D- 70-74
F-69 or below

A grade lower than 60% will receive a phone call, email, letter home, or a remind notification (as time allows/at teacher's discretion). A low grade will need grade recovery/retest at the teacher's discretion.

Daily Materials:

- ✓ A positive attitude
- ✓ 1" inch 3 ring binder
- ✓ 5-tab dividers
- ✓ Pens (black or blue ink only) & Pencils
- ✓ College Ruled loose leaf-paper
- ✓ 2 pocket folder with prongs
- ✓ Earbuds
- ✓ Highlighters (pack of different colors)
- ✓ Chromebook Device (once they have been issued)

Sanitizing wipes, tissue, and hand sanitizer for the class are welcome. Students are also welcome to bring their own hand sanitizer and tissues as well for personal use.

Methodology

Teachers will utilize a variety of teaching styles to deliver content to their students. This includes manipulatives, videos, group work, and problem-based learning to ensure all students are actively engaged in their own learning.

Grades will be determined by the satisfactory and timely completion of assignments. The grade of each assignment is based on the prerequisite given for each assignment. Please email the teacher if you have any questions.

Rituals and routines are in place to keep students on track, safe and an exemplary member of the Dolphin Dynasty.

Student Work: Students will be expected to complete all assignments regularly. All students are expected to read class material, think critically and write effectively. Students are expected to use complete sentences, proper grammar, and correct spelling in every written performance. Late work will be penalized.

Materials: Students will be required to have all required materials upon entering the class.

Absences: If a student is absent, it is HIS/HER responsibility to get all late work from the teacher and return by the deadline agreed upon by teacher, parent, and student.

Plagiarism, Cheating, and Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism is the practice of copying words, sentences, images, or ideas for use in written or oral assessments without giving proper credit to the source. Cheating is defined as the giving or receiving of illegal help on anything that has been determined by the teacher to be an individual effort. Both are considered serious offenses and will significantly affect your course grade. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct booklet for additional information.

Absent? Need to make up work?

- If you are absent from class, YOU are responsible for getting and making up any missing work within 5 school days.
- Send me a message on Remind or see me **during Connections - not during class** - to get help, ask questions about missing work, or make up tests/quizzes.
 - Check Canvas for assignments and announcements (when we receive devices).

Late Work

- Students can submit late assignments with a mild penalty. Students can submit late work for a maximum grade of **60%**. You must write “Late” at the top of the assignment before it is turned in. Late work is turned into the box labeled by class period **INSIDE** of the purple folder.
- Long-term assignments have a 10% penalty per day will be assessed.
- Extensions will be given to students who contact me before an assignment is due to request one.

Absent?

- 1st – Inform Teacher
- 2nd – Check classroom resources
- 3rd – Check the course homepage in Canvas
- 4th – Text a friend for the notes/class info
- 5th – Turn in missing work within 2 days for every day absent.

Need Help?

- ✓ Ask for teacher help
- ✓ Check Canvas website for extra practice or support.
- ✓ Ask for recovery work if needed.
- ✓ Set up a virtual tutoring time.

Teacher Information:

Email: gracyan@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
(For Parental Use only)

School Information

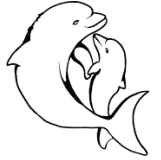
115 Dolphin Way
Hephzibah, GA 30815
Phone: 706-592-3987

Class Rules:

1. Be Respectful of Others. This means to respect the teacher, respect your classmates, respect the school's property, respect all the staff, respect yourself.
2. Be Prepared. Have Materials Ready, Stay Focused, and Participate!
3. Do Not use Inappropriate Language. Use words that are positive and friendly.

Class Procedures:

1. Students are to come in QUIETLY and IMMEDIATELY read the Daily Agenda Board to prepare for the day. You must be in your seat BEFORE the tardy bell rings and start on the daily Warm Up.
2. Have all necessary materials ready for class
3. Pay attention to the directions the FIRST time they are given. Ask for help if needed. .
4. Mistakes are a part of the learning process. Keep trying and be resilient.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
6. Work hard and stay committed to the task.



I have read and understand the rules for 8th grade Social Studies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address and PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD

_____ and/or _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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