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**Course description and objective**

In eighth grade, 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.

**Textbook**

Students will have access to a digital copy of the book on Canvas course.

**Unit/Concept Names**

**First Semester**

Unit 1 Themes used in Social Studies

Unit 2 Geography of Georgia and Prehistoric Georgia Unit 3 Exploration and Colonization

Unit 4 Statehood

Unit 5 Antebellum, Civil War and Reconstruction

**Second Semester**

Unit 6 The New South

Unit 7 20th Century Georgia

Unit 8 Post WWII

Unit 9 Civil Rights

Unit 10 Modern Georgia

Unit 11 State and Local Government

Unit 12 Adult and Juvenile

**Richmond County Board of Education Grading Policy**

* Minor Grades 60% (Quizzes and Classwork)
  + **Minimum number** of minor grades per 6-week progress report period = **5**
* Major Grades 40% (Unit Tests, Research Papers, Projects and Culminating Assessments)
  + **Minimum number** of major grades per 6-week progress report period = **2**

**Academic Grading Scale**

A (90-100) B (80-89) C (75-79) D (70-74) F (below 70)

* Parents are encouraged to monitor their child’s grades using the district Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
* Please contact the front office at 706-592-3730 for information to gain access to Infinite Campus.

**Academic Dishonesty**

The Student Code of Conduct, Rule 1(A)(t), states that no student shall cheat, alter records, plagiarize, receive unauthorized assistance or assist another in any type of academic dishonesty. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty will be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher and a supervising administrator, taking into consideration any written materials, observation, or information from witnesses. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, the task may be entered as “incomplete” and the student required to redo the assignment or retake the assessment.

**Late Work**

Late work is defined as assignments that are submitted after the specified deadline. This does not apply to work submitted late due to absence from school. Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Multiple incidents of late work may result in teacher-student-parent conferences to examine and correct the student’s work habits. Graded assignments that are submitted late should be scored to accurately reflect the level of mastery of standards.

**Make-up Work**

Students are expected to make-up assignments and assessments that were missed due to absence from school. Students are responsible for asking teachers for the make-up work upon returning to class. Make-up work should be completed by the student within the time specified by the teacher. Teachers should provide reasonable timelines for completing make-up work. Generally, such work should be completed within 5 days of returning to school. A student should not be required to take a quiz or test on their first day back at school if the assessment was first announced during their absence. Graded assignments should be scored to accurately reflect the level of mastery of standards.

**Homework**

Homework not required however if a student does not finish classwork,they can utilize that time to complete.

**Relearn & Reassess (R&R Procedures)**

Students have the opportunity to submit a relearning plan for any **major assessment**. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, a student will be given a minimum of two opportunities to be reassessed. Students scoring below 70 on a major assessment are expected to complete a relearning plan unless exempted with parent approval.

Teachers have discretion to determine if R&R opportunities will be given for any **minor assessment**.

**Cell phones** are not permitted in class, per school policy, and should not be seen nor heard. Students should turn cell phones off and place them in their bookbags.

* First offense will receive an explicit verbal warning.
* Further offense will receive a parent phone call.
* Repeated offenses will result in phone confiscation. In this case, a parent will need to request the phone be returned in person.

**Classroom Procedures & Expectations**

1. We are prepared to learn- have required materials for class, sitting in assigned seats, and waiting for instruction from teacher.
2. We show respect for yourself, others, and the classroom- Showing respect to oneself by trying your best and believing in yourself. Showing respect to other people by taking their feelings into consideration. Showing respect to the classroom by taking care of our Chromebooks, making sure our classroom materials are being used in the correct way.
3. We listen to others- We show we are listening to others by giving them all your attention. You show you are listening by looking at the person talking and not talking.
4. We always try our best- I want my students to know even if they don’t get every answer right or understand a standard in class, I want them to always try their best. I let my students know everyone has their struggles, but we are all there to learn from each other. Trying your best will look different for each student.
5. We are responsible- I want my students to have ownership of their learning.

**Course Materials**

* 3” Binder
* 5 Dividers
* Highlighters
* Colored Pencils
* Writing Utensils (Black/blue pens optional) (**mechanical/wooden pencils are required**.)
* Glue Sticks
* Notebook paper (Wide Rule)
* Composition Notebooks

Wish list (items are not required but are appreciated.)

* Hand sanitizer
* Kleenex

**Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct for further guidance on Richmond County School System’s policies and procedures.**

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**Remind messages**: Please text 81010 class code: 3k6deb9

**Pine Hill Middle School Phone Number:** 706-592-3730

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Please sign and return this portion of the syllabus to affirm that you have reviewed this document:

Student’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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