

SOCIAL STUDIES

INSTRUCTOR: Mr. Blake

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Social Studies is a course that explores the Western Hemisphere with an emphasis on the geography, history, and culture of Canada, Latin America, and Europe. We will also be studying the history of Iowa.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: The student will be responsible for a variety of activities including: Note-taking, discussion, homework assignments, tests, projects, and current events.

ATTENDANCE: Since academic success is so dependent on student attendance, **ten absences per semester result in the student meeting with the Board of Education. After two tardies, a detention will be assigned.**

GRADING SCALE: Grades are based on a point system. The grading scale is as follows:

A+	100-99%	C+	81-79
A	98-94	C	78-74
A-	93-92	C-	73-72
B+	91-89	D+	71-69
B	88-84	D	68-64
B-	83-82	D-	63-62

GRADE WEIGHTS:

Tests - 70%
Assignments - 30%

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments are due at the **beginning** of class.

-Those not turned in on time will receive zero credit. One zero may be dropped at quarter's end.

-All assignments must be completed and turned in, or the student will receive a failing grade for that grading period.

-If a student is absent, it is the **student's** responsibility to ask the teacher for any missed assignments.

-An assignment due, or given, on a day that the student has an unexcused absence will receive a grade of zero.

-Tests should be made up as soon as possible following an absence.

EXTRA CREDIT: Extra credit may occasionally be given as part of a test. These extra credit points will be the only extra credit opportunities offered during the course.

CLASS RULES: Student discipline is also addressed in the Student Handbook.

1. Be on time with the necessary materials – every day!

2. Put forth an honest effort:

Have your daily assignments done on time and somewhere near the best of your ability.

Study enough for tests to get the grade that you want.

Come ready to learn – every day!

Ask questions – participate!

Be on task – use your time wisely.

3. BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.

Follow reasonable requests.

Disrespectful behavior towards anyone will not be tolerated.