

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to welcome you and your child to 8th grade Social Studies! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you as well, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

Online Resource:

Please check out our Social Studies page that can be found on the 8th grade website holgatemiddleschool8thgrade.weebly.com to see what we are doing in class each day, when assignments are due, what day quizzes and tests are scheduled, and for additional copies of project instructions. You will also find links to all the notes that we take in class, and links for students to use to study for their quizzes.

Curriculum:

This year we will focus on American History covering the following topics: Colonial America, the American Revolution, U.S. Government, Westward Expansion, and the Civil War.

Classroom Absent Policy:

If your child is absent on the day an assignment is given, or notes were taken, he/she will have two days for each day absent to complete missed work and copy the notes into their notebook. If your child is absent on the day an assignment is due, or a test is given, it is due the day they return. If their absence is planned, it is their responsibility to talk to me before they leave and to complete their assignment & copy the notes into their notebooks.

Grading Policy:

Assignments are given on a daily basis, and make up 15% of the final grade. Projects are given on a monthly basis, and make up 20% of the final grade. Quizzes are given on weekly basis, and make up 25% of the final grade. Tests are given twice per quarter, and make up 40% of the final grade.

All assignments turned in late will automatically be deducted 20%.

ICU:

In 8th grade we have implemented an ICU program to help students with missing and late work get caught up as quickly as possible. ICU takes place in my room every day during your child's 4th hour directed studies/music time. If your child is on ICU, you will receive an email notifying you what assignment(s) your child is missing. Students that were gone for both excused and unexcused absences will be added to the ICU list. If they are added for missing assignments while gone, that does not necessarily mean their assignments will be counted as late.

The ICU list will be updated daily to the best of the teachers' abilities. If you have further additional questions about ICU you may contact me directly at the information provided below. **If you would like to provide additional email addresses for our ICU email contacts, please visit the *Contact Us* page on our 8th grade website listed above.**

For additional information, ask your child to see their Social Studies class syllabus. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at kelsey.scarborough@k12.sd.us or by phone at (605)725-7735.

Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Kelsey Scarborough
8th Grade Social Studies

Please fill in the information below and cut out this form; then have your student return it for their first 10 point assignment.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____