

8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES WITH MS. ORCHARD

The goal of this course is to give students an in-depth understanding of South Carolina & U.S. history. Additionally, the course is designed to provide opportunities for students to skill-build in the areas of speaking, listening, researching, and writing. Students will leave the year with better 21st-century tools to be successful in high school and beyond.

Course Information



We will be studying South Carolina history from the Native American tribes to present day SC. Units are divided based on chronological content information and tests will be administered at the end of each unit.

Student Conduct



Students are expected to conduct themselves according to the RAMS expectations set school wide.

Consequences will follow the school-wide PBIS plan.

Our classroom rules are the following:

1. Respect the people, ideas, & space of rm. 15
2. Come to class on time, prepared, & ready to learn.
3. Raise your hand to leave your seat or speak.

Make Up Work/Late Work



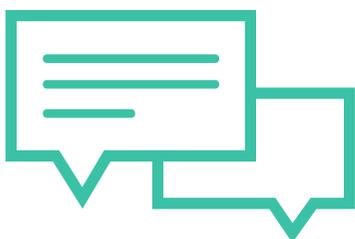
Students are responsible for securing their own make up work. Students have 5 days after they are absent to turn in make up work. If they miss an assessment, they should expect to make it up when they return.

Late work will only be accepted on major assignments. Each day late will result in a 10 point penalty.

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Parent Contact

Parents can keep up with student assignments & progress in a variety of ways. View the accompanying flyer for further information on these tools. Email me if you have any questions about how any of these work.



Remind101: Text-@79144 to 81010

Parent Portal: See Ms. Bouton

Class Website: <http://morchard.weebly.com>

Parent Newsletter: Send me your email to receive

Grading

Tests



Students will be given a cumulative test at the end of each unit. Study guides and notice will be given with ample time for students to prepare. Corrective assignments will be given at teacher discretion based on overall student scores.

Projects/DBQs/Quizzes

Students will be participating in the National History Day project. Additionally, students must write multiple DBQ essays on historical questions. When those assignments approach, students and parents will be given more information.



Students will be given quizzes to assess their understanding before a summative assessment. These are designed to give students feedback on what they know & don't before a major grade.

Classwork/Participation



Class assignments and activities fall into this category. Additionally, students are responsible for a daily "starter" task, which they upkeep in their binder until collected at the end of the week.

Homework

Homework will be given on regular basis to help reinforce the concepts we have studied in class.

