



8th Grade United States History 2022-2023

Teacher Name:
Ms. Autumn Schutt

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(please understand my availability is limited during the school day; I will respond to all emails within 24 hours)

Description of Course/ Units of Study

Welcome to 8th grade social studies! This year's course covers the study of American history from the Exploration and Colonization period to the Reconstruction Period following the Civil War. Students will be exposed to the historical, geographic, political, economic, and sociological events which influenced the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history.

Class Materials

- You will need to have a **Binder** and dividers, a Planner (provided)
- **Composition Notebook**
- Plenty of **loose-leaf paper** Paper is needed all year, be sure to periodically re-fill your binder.
- You also will need **blue/black pens** and **pencils**.

Class Procedures

Grading:

I will be using a points system for grading. Assignments will be given a point value based on their length and complexity. All assignments will be divided into two categories; Practice (40%) and Assessment (60%).

Any form of plagiarism will result in a zero and terms outlined in the FSUS student disciplinary code of conduct.

I update FOCUS as assignments are due. Please check your progress regularly and meet with me if you have **any** concerns as soon as possible.

All assignments must be neat, legible and reflect basic writing skills (use of complete sentences, punctuation, etc. If I can't read what you wrote, then I won't be able to give you credit for it.) You should consider using a word processor when possible and submitting your work through the Google Classroom.



The heading for all assigned work should include the following and be located on the **top right corner** of the page: **Name (first and last), Date, Class Period** and on the top **left corner: Assignment**

Homework- It is your responsibility to keep up with homework assignments. They will be posted as needed each day in the classroom and weekly on my Google Classroom Page. Homework should be in class on the day it is due and *must be turned in during the first five minutes of the class period.*

FSUS middle school students are expected to complete work in a timely manner while submitting all work when due dates are assigned. In the event that a student misses a due date, students have up to two additional days to submit the assignment for the maximum 50% credit. Please note that late work will not be accepted after two days, so please check FOCUS to avoid receiving no credit. Our ultimate goal is for students to adhere to due dates.

If you have an excused absence (see the student code of conduct) on a day an assignment is due, full credit will be given if you turn it in on your first day back to class. It is your responsibility to write ABSENT on the top of all work being turned in late due to an excused absence. Be sure to check my Website/Google Classroom page and follow-up with me after your excused absence to get all materials you may have missed. Students will have two days for each day absent to submit make-up work assignments. Long term projects and papers are due on the original date assigned. Because I recognize that some of my assignments may be difficult for you to complete without extra help, I will have 2 days a week when you can come in either before or after school. Please arrange with me when you want extra-help. Parents will be notified in FOCUS if homework is not being completed.

Class Rules & Expectations

- Students are expected to follow all rules outlined in the FSUS Code of Student Conduct.
- Students should be on time, prepared, and in proper dress code for each class! (Any student not in their seat **when the bell rings** is considered tardy. **Three** tardies will result in an after school detention.)
- Students should demonstrate respect for themselves, teachers, classmates, and school property at all times! (This includes, but is not limited to: listening carefully to instructions given by any teacher, listening respectfully to the opinions of others, not doing anything that would distract from any student's learning, not touching or damaging things that do not belong to you.) **Students who are unable to meet this**



standard will be given a single warning, and subsequent inappropriate behavior will result in a disciplinary action.

- No **food, drinks, or gum** are to be brought into the classroom by students. (Exceptions: Students may keep a water bottle under their chair, and lunches may be kept in backpacks.)
- Students are expected to keep up with daily current events by watching televised news, reading a newspaper, or checking news websites.

Technology policy:

Students are not to use cellphones in class. All electronic devices must be silenced or turned off and placed in the designated cell phone holder at the beginning of class. This is a new rule established by the FSUS administration for all middle school students. You must not take pictures, video or audio record adults or students at any time without their express consent.

How to be Successful in my Class:

1. Arrive on time to class with appropriate materials
2. Follow all class and school rules
3. Complete all classwork and homework
4. Stay focused and follow directions
5. Be involved in class discussions
6. Never interrupt another's learning!

I want you to remember 3 very important facts:

- 1. I am here to help YOU learn; you are the player and I am your coach.**
- 2. I do not GIVE you your grades, you EARN them.**
- 3. Your SUCCESS is very important to both of us**

Student Name _____

History Period _____



Acknowledgement of Reading Ms. Schutt's 8th Grade Social Studies Policies Form

Please fill out the form and **return to Ms. Schutt**. The signatures below indicate that the 8th Grade Social Studies Policies have been read and understood by both the student and parent.

It is the student's responsibility to adhere to all classroom policies and to the policies listed in the FSUS Code of Student Conduct. Once completed, please be sure Ms. Schutt receives it no later than **Friday, August 12th**. This counts as a homework assignment.

Student's Signature here: _____

Parent's/Guardian's printed name here: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature here: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature date: _____

Parent Contact Information; please be sure your information is up to date in FOCUS

**** My regular communications with parents are done via email through FOCUS. If you would like additional reminders for tests and due dates, then please download the Remind app and text @h9gaede to 81010.**

Please be sure to update any changes throughout the year in FOCUS, so you may stay informed of events happening in the history classroom. Parents are always welcome to email me with questions.