



Welcome to 7th Grade Social Studies

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Northern Guilford Middle School

Course Overview: 2023-24

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at Northern Guilford Middle School!

Hello! I'm Mr. Kratovil and I would like to welcome you to Social Studies. I have been a teacher for 22 years, twelve at Northern, and teach both 8th and 7th Grade Social Studies.

My goal is to help every student improve their critical thinking, reading, problem-solving and writing skills. I use a variety of teaching methods and activities in the classroom and am a big proponent of experiential learning. I believe open communication and support between the family, the student, and myself is essential for students to have success and a positive learning experience. I look forward to working with you all and having a great school year!

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Canvas: Daily Announcements, Assignments, Discussions will be posted daily on the class CANVAS Page.

Course Description

Seventh Grade Social Studies expands upon, and allows for greater depth of, the knowledge, skills, and understandings acquired in the sixth grade at 1400 CE to the globalized network of nations in the modern world. Students will make connections between historical events and their own lives through an investigation of the various factors that shaped the development of societies and regions in the modern world as well as global interactions between those societies.

Unit 1 – Geography & the Middle Ages

Unit 2 – Renaissance, Reformation & Exploration

Unit 3 – The Enlightenment

Unit 4 – Revolutions

Unit 5 – Imperialism

Unit 6 – World Wars

Unit 7 – Cold War & International Cooperation

Unit 8 – Contemporary World & Modern Issues

Grading Policy

Tests 40%
Projects/Quizzes: 30%
Classwork/Homework: 30%

Grading Scale

A 90-100%
B 80-89%
C 70-79%
D 60-69%
F Below 60%

Makeup Work Policy

When a student is **ABSENT**, it is their responsibility to submit all assignments. Students have three days following their return to earn full credit on an assignment. After three days the late work policy goes into effect.

Late Work Policy

Students may turn in work up to seven calendar days late with a 15-point penalty. No work will be accepted for a grade after seven calendar days and will receive a grade of zero. Student work also is graded for accuracy and completion, so additional points may be deducted.

Credit Recovery Assignment Policy

Throughout each quarter, there will be some opportunities for extra credit to allow students to increase their grades.

A student can qualify for "credit recovery" **only** if they have completed **and** submitted ALL assignments and received credit. A student can do "enrichment work" as "credit recovery" to raise their grade.

Tutoring Policy

Mr. K's tutoring day/time:
Available Upon Request
Please give at least 24-hour notice

I will help with organization and study skills too!

Grade Record

Your student's grades typically will be entered in **PowerSchool Gradebook** within 24 hours of each assignment's due date. Please create a Parent Account for both **Gradebook** and **CANVAS**. Accountability is key to success!

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education." - Franklin Roosevelt



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