**Social Studies** 

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Period 4 Middle School



# **Course Description**

Welcome to Middle School Social Studies! This course will focus on Early American History along with Washington State's history. The class will cover many different topics such as the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Civil War, 13th Amendment, Washington Statehood, and Native Americans Tribes in Washington. We will be using primary and secondary sources to explore those topics. We will also explore how different cultures influenced the founding of the United States and Washington.

# **Objectives:**

- Perform research in order to answer historical questions
- Learn and develop the ability to critically analyze primary and secondary sources

### Required Materials

- Bring an attitude that shows you are ready to learn.
- Notebook (College ruled)
- Pencils and colored pencils
- Chromebooks (provided by WSD)

#### Classroom Expectations

- TERRIER PRIDE RULES
  - Respect yourself
  - Respect others
  - Respect property
- **TARDY** -- If a student is late, a blue slip is required in order to be excused. If a blue slip is not provided, the student will be considered tardy. Three tardies or greater may result in disciplinary action.
- ABSENCES -- It is the student's responsibility to see me for missed information or assignment. The student is expected to make up missed assignments within a reasonable time frame.

- MAKE UP / LATE WORK: Makeup work will be accepted, but there will be quarterly
  deadlines. Work assigned during the first quarter will not be accepted during the second
  quarter, and so forth.
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Cell phones and tablets are not permitted during class time. Students will be asked to put their cell phones in a designated location. Chromebooks will be provided for schoolwork only.

# **Grading Policy**

- 75% of the grade will be graded on assignments and participation
- 20% of the grade will be graded on projects
- 5% of the grade will be graded on quizzes

Letter grade	Percent ranges	Scale value	General rubric
А	93-100	4.0	Exceeds expectations
A-	90-92.9	3.7	
B+	87-89.9	3.3	
В	83-86.9	3.0	Meets expectations
B-	80-82.9	2.7	
C+	77-79.9	2.3	
С	73-76.9	2.0	Approaching expectations
C-	70-72.9	1.7	
D+	67-69.9	1.3	
D	60-66.9	1.0	Does not meet expectations
F	<60	0	No evidence

# **Extra Assistance**

If a student feels that extra assistance is needed, email me, leave a message via videophone, write a letter, or make an appointment to come see me. I am here to help out!