

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT POLICY
SOCIAL STUDIES 8
MRS. ARCA

Welcome to Mrs. Arca's 8th grade Social Studies class. This school year will be both challenging and exciting for all of us. The eighth grade Social Studies curriculum focus is U. S. History. We will begin the year by exploring the creation of the British colonies and their fight for independence to become a new nation. We will see the creation of this new nation by examining the timeless documents such as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Gettysburg Address. We will see the formation of the three branches of government, federal, state and individual rights and the beginnings of the political parties. We will hear the voices of children and others that came across the oceans to help build and enrich this nation. We will see the expansion of our nation from coast to coast through the Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the Mexican-American War. We will understand the Native American plight for unity and sovereignty from the Manifest Destiny/Westward Movement period through today. We will examine the institution of slavery, study the causes that divided the states and sent our nation into the Civil War. We will see our country unite by Reconstruction and understand the roots of segregation. We will see the growth of industry, inventions that will make life easier, and immigration into the 20th century. We will learn about our country through literature, audios, videos, hands-on activities, research papers, and primary documents by those that eye witnessed and lived during the years we will be studying.

RESPECT:

Respecting each individual and others will be the goal.

All students have the right to learn and any hindrance will affect that right.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Each student is responsible for his/her actions.

Each student will complete all work on time for no late work is accepted.

Each student will write in complete sentences and use proper spelling on all work.

BASIC RULES:

Students will have a three ring binder, paper, pencils, highlighters, and pens brought to class daily.

Students will not eat, drink, or groom in class.

No student will commit plagiarism. (0 credit for the assignment.)

CONSEQUENCES:

Students may receive one or more of the following consequences for misbehaving (depending on the severity) : teacher detention/private reprimand, 0%/No credit on an assignment, referral to the Responsibility Center or Vice Principal, or class suspension.

HOMework/CLASSWORK:

All work begins in class to check for student understanding. Students continue and complete their assignments at home. All work is posted on the classroom boards for viewing and is also posted on the Hornerjh.com site weekly. Please review your students homework assignment book or my web page for the weekly assignments.

GRADING:

107% and above	A+	<i>Students earn 90% of their grade. <u>Teacher retains 10% for participation.</u> = 100%</i>
89-106%	A	
79-88%	B	
69-78%	C	
59-68%	D	
58 and below	F	

EXTRA CREDIT:

Extra Credit activities are available to students to complete to enhance their grade throughout the year. No grade may be enhanced beyond one letter grade. Extra credit activities will also be posted on my Hornerjh.com web page.

TEACHER CONTACT:

Please feel free to contact me at (510) 656-4000 ext. 48033 or by emailing me at sarca@mail.fremont.k12.ca.us. I will reply promptly to your contact.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Arca

Please sign below that you have read and understand my policy plan.

I have read and understand your policy plan. _____
Student Signature

I/We have read and understand your policy plan. _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature