**Middle School Social Studies**

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**Social Studies Grade Weighting Policy**

\*These items listed are examples of work to be graded

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| **Homework/Class**  **Participation** | **Formative**  **Assessments** | **Summative Assessments** |
| Primarily evidenced by:   * Homework * Student participation * Teacher observation * Welcome Work | * In-class activity/assignment * Quizzes * Small projects * Group Activities | * Tests * Large projects * Semesters 1 & 2 final exams |
| 5% | 45% | 50% |

**Late Assignments for Social Studies**

* 1 Day Late Consequence: Less 12% from total grade. Highest possible grade is 88%.
* 2 Days Late Consequence: Less an additional 12% from total grade. Highest possible grade is 76%.
* 3 Days Late Consequence: Less an additional 12% from total grade. Highest possible grade is 64%.
* After 3 days the assignment receives a zero (0%).

**Cumulative Final**

6th, 7th, and 8th grades will have a Semester 1 final on material covered in Quarters 1 & 2. Semester 2 final will cover material from Quarters 3 & 4.

**Texts**: James West Davidson; Michael B. Stoff. *America History of our Nation.* Boston, Massachusetts: Pearson Education Inc., 2007.

McDougal - Littell. *Georgia: in the American Experience*

**Topics of Study in 8th Grade Social Studies:**

**U.S. and Georgia History 1865-present:**

Reconstruction

Guilded Age 1877-1900

Progressive Era

World War I

Roaring 20s

Great Depression and the New Deal

World War II

Holocaust

Cold War/Vietnam War/Korean War

Civil Rights Movement

Contemporary U.S.

**Civics/Government:**

foundations of government in U.S. and GA

legislative branch in U.S. and GA

executive branch in U.S. and GA

local governments in GA

**Geography:**

Georgia’s geography

**Economics:**

GA transportation systems

GA based business

money management