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### **Social Studies Syllabus 2019 - 2020**

Welcome to social studies! I am very happy to be teaching you this year. It is going to be a very good year of learning all about our human history. Depending on your grade we will be covering all aspects of history from ancient history (6<sup>th</sup>), American History (7<sup>th</sup>) all the way down to Louisiana History (8<sup>th</sup>).

George Santayana said “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” That is why I am very passionate about teaching history. The purpose of Social Studies is to give every student a cultural world view while covering the Louisiana State Standards. To accomplish this goal students will be examining the past and present cultural aspects of history. Students will be analyzing artifacts, art, and documents from the past and present to gain an understanding of what life was like. Students will be making claims about historical topics, and supporting those claims with evidence they find. They will also be completing Document Based Questions or DBQs. The students will be using a variety of technology like: Google Classroom, Nearpod, Kahoot, Quizlet, virtual field trips, and many more.

My class will be ran as follows. We will have face-to-face instruction where the students will work independently, pairs, and groups to discuss and learn history. They will be responsible to keep up with any notes, graphic organizers, handouts, and passages that are worked on in class. To help prepare the students for higher education we will also be using Google Classroom to complete assignments, assessments, projects, and exit tickets. In classroom they will find links passages we read in class, slide shows from class, and websites used in the lesson so they can come home and review and complete any work needed to be done.

#### **Grades**

Grades in Social Studies can be given on any work that is done. That include:

- Notes
- Exit Tickets
- Questions in class and in Google Classroom
- Presentations
- Research
- Assessments
- Essays
- Handouts
- Etc...

The middle school grading scale will be used to assign letter grades.

If you have any questions feel free to email me or send me a message on remind. It's going to be a GREAT YEAR!!