

# Class Expectations and Procedures

## Mrs. Ferree - Social Studies

### Liberty Junior High

**Curriculum:**

The social studies curriculum this year is World Cultures and American History. We will be studying the history, culture, and modern-day life of many different cultures around the world in order to gain an understanding of varied backgrounds. The year will conclude with a unit on the U.S. Civil War. We will also focus on important common core skills such as reading and understanding informational text and supporting arguments with evidence using DBQs- Document or Data Based Questions.

<p><b><u>Materials needed:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 3 ring Binder</li> <li>2) 5 tab dividers</li> <li>3) Loose leaf paper</li> <li>4) Pens/Pencils</li> <li>5) Highlighter</li> <li>6) Colored pencils – when needed</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Grading Scale:</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">100-98</td> <td style="width: 20%;">A+</td> <td style="width: 20%;">79-77</td> <td style="width: 20%;">C+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>97-93</td> <td>A</td> <td>76-73</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>92-90</td> <td>A-</td> <td>72-70</td> <td>C-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>89-87</td> <td>B+</td> <td>69-67</td> <td>D+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>86-83</td> <td>B</td> <td>66-63</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>82-80</td> <td>B-</td> <td>62-60</td> <td>D-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>59-below</td> <td>F</td> </tr> </table>	100-98	A+	79-77	C+	97-93	A	76-73	C	92-90	A-	72-70	C-	89-87	B+	69-67	D+	86-83	B	66-63	D	82-80	B-	62-60	D-			59-below	F
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<p><b><u>Classroom Expectations:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Follow directions the first time they are given.</li> <li>2) Listen quietly while the teacher is talking.</li> <li>3) Work without disturbing others.</li> <li>4) Respect others and their belongings.</li> <li>5) Come to class on time and with all necessary materials.</li> </ol> <p>Failure to meet these expectations will result in a Discipline Step.</p>	<p><b><u>School Discipline Policy:</u></b></p> <p>Step 1: Verbal Warning</p> <p>Step 2: Written consequence</p> <p>Step 3: Parent/Teacher contact</p> <p>Step 4: Classroom Disciplinary Report- “Office Referral”</p>																												



**School Wide Themes:**

Liberty Junior High will follow three basic principles: Be Respectful, Be responsible, Be safe. All classes will also utilize Champs guidelines for behavior that include the following: C- conversation expectations, H- how to get help, A- activity expectations, M- movement expectations, and P- participation expectations.

**Grading Policy:**

In this class grades are calculated by total points. Daily assignments will be assigned lower point values than class projects and tests. Grades are also weighted. Class work (In class work and homework) will make up 20% of the overall grade, Daily Notes, Quizzes & Projects will make up 30%, and Tests/Assessments will make up 50%.

**PowerSchool Grade Program:**

Students and parents can access class grades at any time during the year through the PowerSchool website. Each student will be assigned a login and password. Students will be expected to check their own grades weekly. Teachers will update grades once each week.

### **Class Website:**

You can access the class website by clicking on my name on the teacher websites page. The class website will have a weekly agenda for homework reminders. Most class handouts and assignments can also be accessed through the website.

### **Notes/Binder**

Students will use a 3 ring binder and 5-8 dividers for social studies notes (or something similar). You will be given a format to follow in class. Daily notes and bellringers will be kept in these binders. Students will be using these to study throughout the year. They will also be checked at the end of each unit. Please keep your notes for social studies separate from other classes in your binder.

### **Academic Vocabulary**

Throughout the year we will study vocabulary related to the Social Studies subject area. Words will be introduced within many units throughout the year. These words will be highlighted within student binders and put up on our word wall. Students will take cumulative quizzes at the conclusion of each trimester.

### **Textbook use**

All textbooks will remain in the classroom. Students will be able to check out textbooks if needed. Many materials needed for homework assignments will be posted on my website or on Google Classroom.

### **Homework policy**

Homework and class assignments are expected to be turned in on the due date. Students are allowed two homework extensions for full credit if turned in within 2 school days per trimester. Assignments turned in after 3 school days or the 3<sup>rd</sup> late are subject to a late penalty of 20% and parent notification.

Many homework assignments will receive points based on completion. Some assignments that are started in class or those containing necessary skill practice will be graded based on accuracy.

### **Absentee Policy**

You have one day for every day absent to turn in your missing work. Absent work can be picked up during advisory on the day you return. Absent work should be turned in to the teacher or the bin in the back of the classroom. Please see me if you have questions on the homework before the day it is due.

### **Test Retakes and Re-dos**

Students may retake tests within one week as long as they have completed any missing assignments related to the unit and completed the TEST RETAKE FORM with a parent signature. Students may also re-do homework assignments or skills practice with teacher permission or by teacher request. Students are allowed 2 retakes/re-dos per trimester.

Let's have a great year!

Mrs. Ferree

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This will be posted on my Website. Your homework today is to open the document to show parents at home and have them review it and fill out your student information form.