

Social Studies

Instructor Information:

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Units Covered:

Pre Columbian Civilizations and the Spanish Conquest

The Colonies and the War for Independence

Westward Expansion

The Industrial Revolution

The Progressive Era

The Dust Bowl

Civil Rights Era

The Space Race

The Internet Age

Current Events:

In addition to the above units, we will also study daily current events. The goal is to connect current events to historical events.

Communication Protocols:

Check email daily. Many class communications are sent via email. Reference Google Classroom for study guides.

Grading Policy:

30%: Unit Tests (Retake available, see below)

30%: Weekly Current Events Grades (No Retakes, only make ups)

40%: In class work (Worksheets, Lessons, Map Assignments, TRTW's, Exit Tickets, etc.)

Current Events:

Current Events are graded as a week long assessment based on daily quizzes. If you have an excused absence on any given day, you are expected to take that assessment before the weekly grade is calculated (Friday at 3:40). The weekly grade is put in JMC as a single grade and is considered a single grade.

To make up Current Events Points (for up to 100%), a student may make arrangements with the instructor, however, the Current Events and/or the assessment may be changed from the initial activity.

Late Work Policies:

You have one week to complete any In class work/tests upon returning after which it will be marked as a zero. If the absence is extended or there are exceptional circumstances, the student should meet with me to discuss an extension **prior** to the deadlines set above.

After one week, students will be required to serve a 9th block prior to handing in the late assignment. Note: this does not apply to Current Events make ups.

Test Retakes:

If a student needs to retake a test, they must schedule a retake plan with me. This consists of a 4 consecutive day plan which includes 3 study sessions to relearn/review the unit objectives. Students take the test on the fourth day.