

8 Blue Social Studies



Welcome to 8th grade Social Studies! (Or as I like to call it, your ~~first~~ World History course) This year, we will study the major events that happened in Europe (and a bit of North African and the Middle East) from the time of the ancient Roman Republic all the way through the Age of Exploration. Our goal is to see the **BIG PICTURE** of history and understand how all people and places are connected to one another by historical events.

Guidelines & Expectations

Class Discussion: We discuss the material a LOT! Participation in class discussion is essential, even if you're just asking questions. It's ok to make mistakes - that's how we learn! It's not always easy for everyone to share their ideas, so I ask that you not be disruptive when others are trying to speak.

In-Class Work: Participating in class is BIG! Involve yourself in class activities. Every big concept that you will be assessed on is always discussed in-depth in class. I will never test you on something that we did not discuss in great detail during class time.

Homework: Homework is usually a reading to introduce a topic we will be talking about the next day. Homework assignments are posted on the board as well as Schoology updates. If you are absent and have questions, email me! :)

Retakes: Retakes are not available for check-ins and quizzes - these are used to show you how much you know and what you need to work on. Retakes ARE available for final assessments when a student has shown throughout the unit that they have been active members of class. This means completing classwork, participating in class activities, and completing homework. This follows the team policy as outlined in the 8 Blue Handbook.

After School Help: I can stay after almost any day. It's always a good thing to ask for help when you need it. Please let me know at least one day in advance of when you want to stay.

Some BIG IDEAS & discussional questions for each unit are .

8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

T1: Explains the development and rise of the Roman Empire
government?
Romans?

T1: Analyzes the fall of the Empire and the influence of the Roman Legacies
?
and North Africa today?
ly to day life?

T1: Describes the origins and achievements of the Byzantine Empire
re connected?
lines?
o the US?

T2: Describes major developments and achievements of Islamic history
lam viewed today?
Empire?

T2: Analyzes the development of Medieval Europe
man Empire?
n after the fall of the Roman

T2: Explains the structure and decline of feudalism
ath, trade revival, and the
ply to the US?

T3: Analyzes the origins and impact of the Renaissance
t in the early 15th century?
and engineering during the

T3: Explains the origins and impact of the Reformation
orm in 16th century Europe?

T3: Analyzes the impact of European exploration
exploring during and
as Asia and Africa?
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