



# Course Description for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Research

## Honors Social Studies



Welcome to Social Studies 8H. This course will cover the second half of American History. This class will follow the same curriculum as the 8R class, but it will be more detailed and student-centered, and will incorporate research skills that will result in the creation of a National History Day project.

### Classroom Rules

1. BE RESPECTFUL- Treat others the way you would like to be treated
2. BE PREPARED- Bring charged Chromebook and other supplies daily
3. BE RESPONSIBLE-Complete classwork and homework in accordance to deadlines
4. FOLLOW STIMSON RULES- Stimson rules are outlined in the agenda book.
5. BE DEDICATED- The most important rule is to learn and have fun while being safe and respectful to other people, other people's things, and yourself.
6. BE DILIGENT- Email needs to be checked on a daily basis

### Classroom Procedures:

1. Upon entering the classroom you are to go to your assigned seat and take out your charged Chromebook.
2. A Do Now will be posted. This is a 5-minute assignment to start the day. It may be graded.
3. Google Classroom will be the primary means of distributing and submitting homework, classwork, and other assignments.
4. When you are absent from class, all work must be made up. The work is all available on Google Classroom. It is **your responsibility** to access and complete the work. I expect the work to be completed and turned in the next day, unless otherwise arranged with me.
5. A unit calendar will be provided at the beginning of each new unit. All homework assignments, test dates, and quiz dates will be noted. Please plan accordingly.
6. All work is to be submitted by the end of the class period. The bell doesn't dismiss you at the end of class, I do. The area around your desk must be clean, and all students must be sitting before the class is dismissed.

### Classwork/Homework Policy

1. Assignments and due dates will be posted on the calendar and in Google Classroom
2. It is to be **completed** -completed means **EVERY** question is answered!!!! Yes, this means that if you leave one question blank, it is incomplete. You must try to answer every question and provide reasonable answers to receive credit.
3. Any assignment where I go over the answers, such as vocabulary and review sheets for tests, **cannot be made up for partial credit.**
4. Classwork and homework is not to be shared. Students should not copy answers. All parties involved will earn a 0 for assignments that are shared/have word for word exact answers.
5. Assignments will be both physical and digital.
6. All assignments are to be completed in the document provided in Classroom. Do not attach any other documents. Do not copy and paste work from a different document. Do not erase any tasks or questions. Do not alter the numbering.
7. Assignments must be **SUBMITTED** to be graded. If the work is completed, but not turned in, it will not be graded and it will receive a 0.
8. All homework will be graded and selected classwork will be graded.
9. Any problems with an assignment must be addressed. For example, if a link to a video or website is posted and you cannot access the video or website, contact me immediately so I can help you troubleshoot. Leaving the questions to the video or website blank because you cannot access it is not an option.
10. AI/CHAT GPT generated work will result in a 0 for the entire assignment.
11. **Late Assignments: eligible assignments will be accepted one day late and will receive half credit. Unless arrangements have been made due to extenuating circumstances, assignments submitted more than one day late will not be accepted.**

12. No phones are allowed in the classroom-they must be away in your locker as per the school rule/NYS Policy.

## **Testing:**

1. Be prepared to take tests and quizzes on your Chromebook and on paper.
2. Tests are full period exams and quizzes take half a period.
3. If you do not complete the test in the time allotted, you will **not** be given additional time. Questions you do not answer will be marked as incorrect.
4. There is **absolutely** no talking during a test or a quiz. This will result in a 0 on the exam and disciplinary action.
5. If a test/quiz is taken on the Chromebook, you are not allowed to open any other document or browser. Go Guardian will be running and will be recording. Any attempt to open a website or to close and reopen your test/quiz will result in a 0 on the exam and disciplinary action.
6. There are no retakes on tests or quizzes.
7. Extra credit will not be given.
8. Apple watches or the equivalent must be placed on my desk or put away during testing periods.

## **Writing Assignments/Projects:**

1. Projects and writing assignments can be assigned as both group and individual.
2. Writing will range from short response paragraphs to multi-paragraph essays.
3. **Late Assignments: eligible assignments will be accepted one day late and will receive half credit. Unless arrangements have been made due to extenuating circumstances, assignments submitted more than one day late will not be accepted.**
4. If you receive a writing grade **lower** than 85%, you may rewrite for a higher grade.

## **Supplies:**

You will need the following supplies for social studies this year:

1. Charged Chromebook every day
2. Earbuds/headphones
3. Folder
4. Notebook with paper (spiral or binder-can be shared with other subjects. I just ask for a dedicated section)
5. Pen/pencil
6. Highlighter
7. Binder with dividers for your NHD work

## **Grading Policy:**

Your quarter grades will be calculated based on the following:

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| ○ Tests and quizzes            | 60% |
| ○ Writing, projects, classwork | 30% |
| ○ Homework                     | 10% |

★Extra credit will not be given.★

## **NHD:**

1. Projects for NHD are a requirement for the course.
2. **The contest is in person; you are required to attend. The contest is at Hofstra University on March 23, 2025!**
3. Students will be able to choose a topic that must be approved by me.
4. Students will research their topic IN ADDITION to the 8H curriculum. This means that some topics will be taught differently and research students will have additional homework.
5. [NHD.org](http://NHD.org) is an excellent resource for the competition. I will be providing more over the course of the year.

6. Theme this year: ***Rights and Responsibilities in History***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please take this home tonight and have your parent or guardian read over it; both of you are to sign below and return to me tomorrow.

**I understand the policies, expectations and requirements for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Research Social Studies program.**

I agree to:

- Complete my homework (all questions answered) on time.
- Ask questions when I am confused.
- Bring my charged Chromebook to class every day.
- Follow all classroom and school rules.
- Be responsible to obtain and complete any work I have missed due to absences.
- Uphold the ideals of the honors program.
  - I will not copy anyone's homework or allow someone to copy my work-this includes sharing documents on the Chromebook/Google.
  - I will not cheat during exams.
  - I will not plagiarize.
  - I will not use AI/Chat GPT.
  - I understand that any of the above mentioned offenses may result in my removal from the honors program as well as dismissal from, or ineligibility for, the National Junior Honor Society.

**I understand participation and attendance at the Long Island NHD Competition at Hofstra University on March 23, 2025 is a requirement for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Research Social Studies program.**

**Student:**

As a student, I understand all the course requirements. I am prepared to have a successful and wonderful year!

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:**

As a parent, I understand the expectations of my child. I also understand that Infinite Campus will be updated regularly to keep me aware of my child's progress.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

