

Welcome to Social Studies class! The purpose of this class is to study the social sciences and to prepare young people to be responsible citizens. I am excited to take you on a historical journey through the United States' early history. We will be focusing on U.S. Geography, Native Americans, Early Explorers, Colonies, the American Revolution, and the Constitution.

This is my 22nd year teaching at Ida. I am looking forward to having new and exciting challenges and adventures. I am thankful for this opportunity to teach social studies.

Here are a few things you will want to remember to be a successful student in my class.

Format: Our class meets each day for about 50 minutes. Our textbook is *Harcourt Social Studies -The United States: Making a New Nation*. It has the latest strategies/techniques that are aligned with our curriculum. However, we will not use just the textbook, but a variety of learning materials.

Daily Materials Required: You are expected to bring the following items to the class with you each day.

1. Interactive Notebook. **You will need a composition notebook (100 sheets) by Monday, Sept. 11th.**
2. Pencils
3. **Orange Folder (by Monday, Sept. 11th). Please label with your name and the words "Social Studies."**
4. Social Studies Book (given). **Put a book cover on if you have one.**
5. Warm-Up Problem (given).
6. Guided Notes (given).

Expectations: Because I am here to help you succeed, I will not allow anything that will interfere with your learning. Therefore, as a class, we will be expected to be **respectful** and **responsible**. You need to be respectful to yourself, your peers, and your teachers. Some ways to be respectful are to follow the school's rules and not talk when the teacher or other peers are presenting to the class.

You are responsible for being prepared, participating, and doing your best.

Discipline Plan: If you choose to be respectful and responsible you will reap the benefits. If not, you will have to pay the consequences.

If you choose to not be **respectful:**

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: The punishment will be minutes taken away from extra recess on Fridays. **If you lose all your minutes at recess for 2 weeks in a row, then you will be written up for after-school detention.**

3rd offense: If the problem persists, the student will be sent to the office. An email or call will be made home and the student will be written up to receive after-school detention, in-house suspension, or out-of-school suspension depending on the offense.

If you choose to not be **responsible:**

Forgot materials in locker/Need to go to the bathroom? Hall passes will not be written to go to the drinking fountain or to go to the bathroom. If you need to go to the bathroom, the best time is between classes. You may bring in a water bottle to keep with you. However, water is the only drink allowed. If it is an emergency, I will allow you to go, but if you continue to ask to go to the bathroom, locker, homeroom classroom, and/or drinking fountain, I will take away minutes from your extra recess on Fridays. If a student has a medical condition, they will **NOT** be punished if they must use the restroom.

Forgot materials at home or did not do an assignment? I will accept a late assignment **for 10% off**. Students have **until the day of the TEST to turn in late assignments** from that chapter. However, you will receive a ZAP for every day an assignment is not done. ZAPs allow the student an opportunity to complete the assignment during lunch. Too many ZAPs will result in after-school detention.

Classroom Website: All students have a Gmail account through the school.

It is `firsname.lastname@idaschools.org`. His/her login is Ida (capital I) then their Student ID number. **We have a Google Classroom page just for Social Studies**. I will be working on showing students how to sign in and add their names to our class page during the first week of school. **All social studies assignments will be posted on this page, so if for some reason a student forgets their textbook, or a paper or is absent, he/she can print it off from home.**

Email: **All students have email through Microsoft Outlook**. They sign in on Ida's homepage and use the same username and password as Google Classroom. We will show students how to check their email during the first week of school.

Rewards/Extra Credit: Rewards will be given throughout the year for working hard, answering the warm-up questions, behaving correctly, and following classroom procedures and expectations in the forms of "**Raymond Rubles**." Students may turn these "rubles" in for extra credit on a test, a late homework pass, school supplies, and candy. A list of rewards is posted on the bulletin board. If a student uses rubles for extra credit on a test, they must correct ALL their mistakes on an Error Analysis sheet and get a parent's signature as well. No more than 10 percent can be added to a test.

Student Grades: All grades are entered into the Infinite Campus every two weeks if students are given an assignment. A lot of social studies assignments are due the day of the test, so those grades are not every two weeks. Students will be checking grades weekly during band/skills class.

Tests will be given after every chapter. I will email parents ahead of time to let them know when the test is coming up, as well as students will be writing it in their planners. I will check their notebooks on the day of the test and turn in their guided notes. **Social Studies papers are to be kept in the orange folder until the test is given**. The papers will be very useful in studying for tests. These papers include the warm-up sheet, guided notes, study guide, homework assignments, etc.

All assignments will have a point value for grading classwork and homework. Most questions will be worth a point each. However, essay questions and projects are worth more points.

Questions or Extra Help: Please feel free to ask me for any additional help or if you have any questions. I am available to talk to you before or after school, between classes. I am anticipating a challenging, exciting, thought-provoking school year. I am prepared to put forth 100% effort to see this happen. I hope you will as well.

Good luck and best wishes!

Mrs. Raymond

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I have read the course expectations and understand what is expected from me and what I need to do to have a successful school year in Mrs. Raymond's Social Studies class.

Student Signature

Class Number

Date

I have read the course expectations and have discussed with my son/daughter the expectations for Mrs. Raymond's Social Studies class.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parents/Guardians: **Please feel free to add any comments or call (734) 269-9003 ext. 2024 or email raymond@idaschools.org with any questions.**

