

# **WELCOME TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES!**

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## **Classroom and Grading Policies**

In 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies, students will be introduced to the early history of the United States. Students will develop and use a variety of skills as they explore topics ranging from the initial human settlement of the Americas to the American Civil War. In order to have an engaging and successful year, students must observe the following classroom rules and policies.

### **School and Classroom Rules**

All school rules apply in this classroom. Please see the Comet Code of Conduct for these rules. In addition to the school rules, students are expected to follow these classroom rules:

1. Respect people and property.
2. Come to class prepared and on time.
3. Listen and follow directions.
4. Talk and move appropriately.
5. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

Students who choose not to follow the rules will face disciplinary consequences.

### **Absences and Tardiness**

If a student is absent from school, the student will have one day for every day that he or she was absent to complete and hand in assignments for full credit. It is expected that the student will see me as soon as he or she returns to school to discuss and complete any missing work.

Students not in the classroom at the time the bell rings are considered late. Late students who arrive to class without a pass will face disciplinary consequences.

### **Bathroom / Water Fountain / Locker Use**

Students should take care of bathroom/water/locker needs before they get to my classroom. If a student must use the bathroom or get water during class time, the student must wait for my permission to leave. Lockers should be visited during the following times: before homeroom, before lunch, and after school.

### **Materials**

Students are expected to have the following materials when they come to class: plastic folder (no binders, please); composition notebook; student planner; and a pencil pouch with pencils, erasers, sharpeners (if using wood pencils), and highlighters. I highly recommend bringing personal ear buds or headphones for use with various technologies. In addition to these classroom materials, I also suggest that students have access to the following materials at home: colored pencils; markers; tape; glue sticks; and scissors.

## Grading

Each marking period grade is made up of the following components:

Category	Weight	Explanation
Tests, Projects, and Writing Assessments	40%	Students can expect one test per unit. Tests are given at the end of each unit to check for mastery of content and skills. Students can also expect at least one writing assessment and/or project per unit. Writing assessments and projects are graded according to rubrics.
Quizzes and Classwork	35%	Quizzes may be assigned periodically to check for mastery of content and skills at intermediate intervals. Classwork that is collected for grading will be evaluated based on effort and accuracy.
Participation and Effort	15%	Participation and effort are graded based on active involvement, respectful behavior, and positive contributions made in class.
Homework	10%	Homework is given to reinforce what is learned in class, to complete work that was not finished during class time, to practice a skill or concept, or to preview material that will be taught in class. Homework is generally graded based on effort.

## Grading Scale

A+: 100-97    A: 96-90    B+: 89-87    B: 86-80    C+: 79-77    C: 76-70    D: 69-65    F: 64-0

## Grading Marks

I use numerical grades and check marks to grade assignments. Check marks correspond to the following numerical grades:

✓++: 100%    ✓+: 90%    ✓: 80%    ✓-: 70%    ✓--: 60%

## Assignment Policies

- **Students are expected to complete all assigned work.**
- Students are expected to write down assignment due dates in their planners.
- Students are expected to hand in work when requested.
- Classwork that is incomplete will not be accepted until it has been completed.
- Late homework and classwork will receive late credit.
- Late projects will drop one letter grade for each day of lateness.
- Students who are absent during a test or quiz must make up the assignment in a timely manner.

## Academic Integrity

As per the Comet Code of Conduct, cheating, dishonesty, and plagiarism will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating, plagiarizing, or committing academic dishonesty, the student will receive zero credit for the assignment in question, and repeat offenses will receive a written referral.