**8th Grade Georgia History Syllabus Jasper Middle School**

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**Course Description:**

Eighth grade social studies is a course which overviews American history, emphasizing Georgia’s role, past and present, in the shaping of the United States’ history and culture. Geographic, organizational, study and technology skills will be actively used as a part of the course. The class will consist of lecture, discussion, note-taking, individual and cooperative work, projects, and computer usage. Homework, if assigned, will be a reinforcement of current lessons or a preview of future lessons.

**Textbook:**

* *Georgia:  Its Heritage and Its Promise*
* *Georgia Experience (Gallopade)*
* *Clairmont Press Milestones Test Prep Workbook*

**Course Outline: Topics of Study**

Unit 1: Georgia Geography

Unit 2: Colonial Georgia

Unit 3: Revolution & Statehood

Unit 4: Manifest Destiny & Antebellum

Unit 5: The Civil War

Unit 6: The New South

Unit 7: WWI – WWII

Unit 8: Modern Georgia

Unit 9: State & Local Government

Unit 10: Personal Finance

**Materials:**

In this class, you will need: pens, pencils, paper, a notebook, and 5 subject dividers. \*Blue and Black ink pens only

# Grading:

Summative Assessments (tests, projects, writing assignments)       40%

Formative Assessments (daily assignments)                 60%

**Notebook Dividers:**

Notebooks should be divided into five sections: Warm Up; Vocab; Class Notes, Written Responses, and one left blank.

# Expectations:

# To ensure academic and social success, high expectations are in place for each student. Students must abide by the behavioral guidelines in the student handbook. Students must bring their folders, notebook, paper, and pen/pencil to class every day. All work is expected to be turned in on the assigned due date.

***Students are to be:***

***Prompt ~~ Ready***

 ***Prepared ~~ Responsible***

***Polite ~~ Respectful***

# Make-up / Late Work:

All work is expected on the due date. Late work will be accepted up to five (5) days after the date and will be given an automatic 10-point penalty. After five days, late work will NOT be accepted. No exceptions! Late work is work not completed due to student neglect.

All students receive a 2nd Chance Card at the beginning of each semester. You are responsible for holding onto this card. This allows you the option of redoing five (5) daily assignments in order to earn a better grade. It also allows you to drop one (1) test or project grade. Finally, you may rewrite two (2) writing assignments. It is my belief that students achieve greater understanding by redoing assignments rather than completing random extra credit work. Therefore, I do NOT give extra credit. The 2nd Chance Card allows you to improve your grades throughout the semester.

**WORK.** Missed tests, quizzes, and projects should be scheduled at a convenient time for both the teacher and student.

**Technology:**

JMS believes in effective use of technology to enhance student learning of the curriculum. Students are expected to treat each piece of technology with care. Students are not to take any piece of technology off school property without permission. Students must stay within the program or website that the teacher directs and follow the district’s acceptable use policy of the student handbook.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*This syllabus is subject to change to meet the needs of students. Any changes that become necessary will be announced to students as soon as possible.