

SCOGGINS MIDDLE SCHOOL
8th Grade Advanced Georgia Studies
Scoggins Middle School

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In eighth grade students study Georgia geography, history, government, and economics. While the four strands are interwoven, ample opportunity is also provided for in depth study of the geography of Georgia and the government of Georgia. U.S. Historical events are included, as appropriate, to ensure students understand Georgia's role in the history of the United States.

UNITS:

Unit 1: Connecting Themes in Georgia Studies
Unit 2: Georgia Geography & Prehistoric Period
Unit 3: Exploration and Colonization
Unit 4: Statehood
Unit 5: The Civil War
Unit 6: The New South
Unit 7: The 20th Century
Unit 8: Post WWII Georgia
Unit 9: Civil Rights
Unit 10: Modern Georgia
Unit 11: State and Local Government
Unit 12: Adult and Juvenile Justice
Unit 13: Personal Finance

GRADING POLICY:

Summative: Tests/ Projects/ Finals: 60%
Formative: Classwork/ Homework: 40%

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ 3 Ring Binder or other type of notebook for keeping assignments
- ✓ Writing utensils (pen or pencils are okay)
- ✓ Loose leaf Paper

Advanced Activities:

Advance Content Georgia Studies will involve a rich mixture of content and process designed to challenge the middle school student. Some activities include: examination of primary documents, relation of real-life experiences, interdisciplinary connections. In addition to the load expected in a regular level class the advanced content course will have a more in-depth approach to the treatment of all documents. Students will be asked to compare, question, and synthesize their own position when given a collection of documents. Students will be regularly expected to participate in rich academic discussions the focus of which will be the student's ability to make an evidence-based argument. Mastery of assessments will require students to make an informed and evidence-based argument when given a subject driven prompt for writing.

STANDARDS:

- 8th Grade Georgia Studies is fully aligned with the state department of education's Georgia Performance Standards found at www.georgiastandards.org

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please e-mail your teacher or call Scoggins at 770-456-4188 if you have any questions or concerns. You may also access weekly activities through the school website. Missing assignments and make up work can be printed from my website. Signing up for announcements in Remind 101 is the best way to receive reminders and information.