

Mr. Natale
Social Studies 8
Grading Policy and Class Rules

Students earn their grades through the following activities:

- Tests (chapter and multi-chapter)
- Quizzes (usually following individual reading assignments) (quizzes are **not** announced in advance)
- Homework
- Projects (research papers, poster boards, group video presentations, etc.)
- Class Participation/Behavior (explained below)
- Mid-term exam (at end of 2nd quarter)
- Final exam (towards end of 4th quarter)

Grades are calculated on a straight point system in which you earn as many available points as you can from any given activity. Your final average (per quarter) is calculated by dividing the number of points earned by the total number of points available. Tests and projects carry the most points, followed by homework participation and behavior, and lastly quizzes.

Note; the only category that carries a fixed amount of points is “Participation and Behavior.” In this category, each student starts out with 10 points each week. Your job is to keep them by being on time to class, coming to class prepared, participating in our lessons and behaving in a respectful manner towards your teacher (me) and your fellow students. Failure to do any one of the above will result in a loss of up to two points per infraction. These points cannot be “earned” back.

Each student will be given a chapter syllabus before the start of each chapter which will include reading assignments, homework assignments and test dates. The due dates for each will be clearly stated. Students lose 5 points for each day late on homework and project assignments. These points cannot be earned back. After two days, missing work will no longer be accepted and will receive a zero for a grade. **Extra credit is not offered.**

Materials needed: Textbook, pens, pencils, three-ring binder, internet service at home.