

# 8th Grade World Studies 2021/2022

Ms. Lotts

## World Studies Course Description

World Studies covers concepts involving basic geography, history, and vocabulary. Students will be previewing content from the high school World History classes they will be required to take in their freshman and sophomore years. Students will practice academic skills such as comparing and contrasting, determining cause and effect relationships, and examining continuity and change in regions throughout history. Students will be assessed throughout the course but there is not a state required SOL test associated with this class.

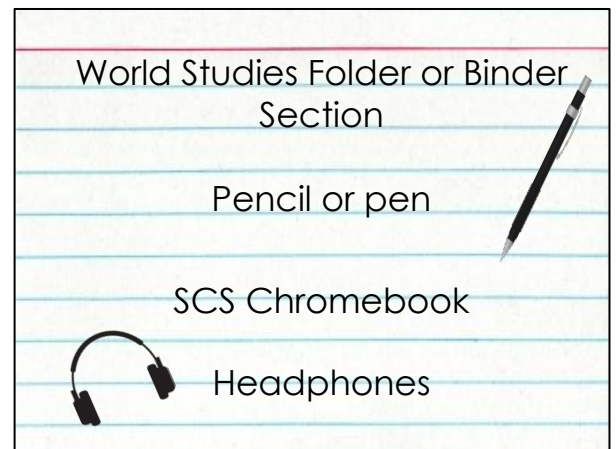


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## Required Materials



## Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances. Cheating, copying, or plagiarism of any form will result in failure of the assignment until acceptable revisions have been made and resubmitted.

## PowerSchool

Parent Portal is a feature of our student information system (PowerSchool) that allows parents to access their children's grades online.

Grades will be posted once a week on Sundays. Please understand that more intricate writing assignments, tests, and projects may require more time in order to provide adequate feedback. If you have not yet created a Parent Portal account, visit the Staunton City Schools Parent Portal web site at

<https://scps.powerschool.com/public>.

## Textbooks

- World Studies: *National Geographic Student World Atlas*
- We will also use informational texts from major news sources (*Washington Post, AP, CNN, etc.*)



## Technology



We will utilize **Google Classroom** daily. You must join the classes using the code for your block of World Studies:

<b>4th Block</b> →	7s5ubft
<b>5th Block</b> →	tlct3su
<b>6th Block</b> →	pxyp2ox
<b>7th Block</b> →	uqz4hbg



The Remind App will be used to communicate announcements and reminders to parents and student via text.

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## Homework Policy

Because I know students have many additional responsibilities and commitments outside of school, there will not be formal homework assigned in World Studies. Students are instead expected to complete classwork in class. If a student is unable to complete the assignment during class time, however, then they should complete it on their own time before the next class.

## Grades

### Grading Scale:

- A 100-90
- B 89-80
- C 79-70
- D 69-60
- F 59 and below

### Category Weights:

- Classwork - 25%
- Daily Warm-up - 10%
- Quizzes - 30%
- Projects - 35%

## World Studies Topic Overview

### First Nine Weeks:

- Geography Overview
  - The Agricultural Revolution (8000 BCE-4000 BCE)
  - River Valley Civilizations (4000 BCE-600 BCE)
  - Classical Period (600 BCE-600 CE)
- Assessment: 1 map & vocab quiz each unit, 1-2 projects per grading period

### Second Nine Weeks:

- Post-Classical Period (600 CE-1450 CE)
  - Early Modern Period (1450 CE-1750 CE)
  - Modern Period (1750 CE-1900 CE)
- Assessment: 1 map & vocab quiz each unit, 1-2 projects per grading period

### Third Nine Weeks:

- Mini Recap
  - Global Wars (1900 CE-1945 CE)
  - Decolonization (1945 CE-Present)
- Assessment: 1 map & vocab quiz each unit, 1-2 projects per grading period

### Fourth Nine Weeks:

- Capstone Project
- Assessment: Weekly progress task check-ins, the final project, and student self assessment

### LATE/MAKE-UP WORK:

Late assignments drop one letter grade when completed past the due date. Late work from one unit will not be accepted once we have moved onto the next unit.

Make-up work is accepted ONLY for excused absences. When absent, please check Google Classroom for make-up work and email Ms. Lotts.

**It is your responsibility to reschedule missed assessments.**

## Standards

World Studies will be surveying high school history courses, World History I and II.

[World History I SOLs](#)

[World History II SOLs](#)