



2022 - 2023
Hillcrest Middle School
8th Grade Social Studies
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Hello! My name is Jakob Baker, and I am excited to be your student's Social Studies teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. I know this will be a positive year for all students as we continue to build our skills and embark on our new discoveries in middle school.

Suggested Supplies per individual student

1. School Issued Chromebook
2. A book to read in class everyday
3. Pencils, pens, colored pencils, highlighters
4. Two Pocket Folder
5. A pack of 100 index cards

**Classroom Requests: Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Clorox Wipes*

Arizona law requires that public schools provide supplies required for academic success. This list represents optional, supplementary items, which you may supply, at your discretion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Course Objectives from the Arizona State Standards:

The 8th grade Social Studies program focuses on Citizenship and Civic Engagement in today's society. The content focus will be viewed through civic and economic lenses.

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Foundations of Government, Road to Revolution, British Policies, Declaration of Independence	Articles of Confederation, The US Constitution, The US Bill of Rights	State Required Civics Test, Civil Rights, Women's Rights, Human's Rights	Global Issues Project, WWII - Overview, Cold War - Overview, Holocaust/Genocide, Economics

Arizona State Standards can be referenced at <https://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/k-12standards/standards-social-studies>

In Social Studies, we support the Arizona English Language Arts Standards by focusing on analysis of primary source documents and supporting analysis with text-dependent written answers.

Grading Scale and Percentage Weights of Assignments

Assignments: 30% To fully succeed in class, each student must be an active participant. This requires that they utilize class time efficiently and to the best of their academic ability. Time in class is expected to be used appropriately.

Assessments: 70% Assessments include quizzes, unit or chapter tests, projects, and district assessments. Projects consist of any assignment that progresses over a period of 3 or more days and is made up of multiple components. Students will be notified if projects will have an assessment component grade.

Grading Scale: 100-90%=A 89-80%=B 79-70%=C 69-60%=D Below 60%=F

Canvas

ALL lessons and content will be accessed through our online learning program-Canvas/DV Online Learning Program.

Each Unit of Study is set up in MODULES.

Assignments are open for 3 weeks, however **due dates** are usually within the same week. This allows for students who have been absent or need more time to show mastery of the standards within the unit to complete an assignment.

Parents/guardians-please become a Canvas "Observer" by following the directions located on my Hillcrest Middle School staff website: <https://www.dvUSD.org/domain/5372>.

PowerSchool

Students' grades are updated weekly on PowerSchool (ps.dvUSD.org) and are synced daily at midnight through Canvas, so changes may not be reflected immediately. Parents may contact the registrar clerk if a parent log-in is needed.

SS Classroom Behavior Expectations:

All students are expected to be good citizens, respectful and caring of each other, staff and materials. Students are also expected to put forth their very best efforts by being responsible. Students should also feel free to express their ideas within socially acceptable norms. Our combined goal is to prepare students for a successful school experience.

MTSS BEHAVIOR Program (*The HMS School-Wide Prevention Program*)

Our progressive discipline is based on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner at **all** times. Specific guidelines are outlined in the DVUSD Student Rights and Responsibility (SR & R) Handbook. The school rules apply coming to school, going home from school, and at all school-sponsored events. General misbehavior is handled by the classroom teacher in the following manner:

PROGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS (teacher keeps record of minors)

Step 1: Universal Interventions (Warning/Redirection)

Step 2: 1st Minor Incident Report with Interventions

Step 3: 2nd Minor Incident Report with Interventions and Parent Email

Step 4: 3rd Minor Incident Report with Interventions and Parent Phone Call

Step 5: Major Behavior Referral

Consequences for inappropriate behavior will be given according to the DVUSD discipline guidelines as outlined in the Student Rights and Responsibility (SR & R) Handbook.

Communicating with me: The best way to contact me is through email. My email address is Jakob.Baker@dvUSD.org. I am looking forward to communication with you regarding the success of your child. Please allow a 24 hour response time. I will often communicate general announcements through "announcements" in Canvas for students and parent observers alike.

PLEASE RETURN THIS WHOLE PAGE WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURES

to Jakob Baker

Dear Parents/Guardians: PRINT STUDENT NAME _____

Often, video can be an excellent way to augment our student's education, helping to reinforce curricular ideas as well as create excellent discussions about how contemporary society views our subject matter. Most often, we show clips from videos allowing students to see a visual representation of a significant event rather than showing a full-length film. We have found that students often increase their understanding of history through films which leads to better comprehension of the time period. In Social Studies, we will be viewing the listed videos attached to the back of this form.

Should you prefer that your student participate in an alternative assignment, contact us via phone or email; please highlight the video/s that you object to so that we can plan accordingly.

Please sign the permission slip on the bottom half of this sheet for your child to return to us. Further, if you have any questions regarding this list, please feel free to call or email us. It is important that you feel comfortable with what your child views in our class. Thank you for your support with your child's educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Hillcrest Middle School Social Studies Department



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

VIDEO PROCEDURES AND CLEARANCE FORM GRADE 8

Videos, films and other taped materials rated PG, may be viewed at school, but they must be:

- an integral part of the class curriculum.
- approved by your administrator prior to viewing.
- approved by parent/guardian.
- each student must have a signed "Student Video Parent/Guardian Permission Form" on file, noting permission for each PG-13 video.

Student's Name _____ **has my permission to view the listed videos(on back of paper), during the 2022-2023 academic year.**



Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

I have read the **Social Studies Syllabus and Expectations for 2022-2023.**



Parent/Guardian signature

VIDEO LIST for 8th Grade (Title, Rating, Subject, Type)

National Treasure	PG	US Government/Declaration	Film
National Treasure 2	PG	US Government/Declaration	Film
Remember the Titans	PG	CIVIL RIGHTS	Film
The Jackie Robinson Story	PG-13	CIVIL RIGHTS	Film
Boy in the Striped Pajamas	PG-13	HOLOCAUST	Film
THE PATRIOT	PG	AMERICAN REV.	Film
EDITED TO			
Iron Jawed Angels	NR	Women's Suffrage	Film
Hidden Figures	PG	Space Race	Film
The Miracle	PG	Cold War	Film
Unbroken	PG 13	World War II	Film
Hidden Figures	PG	Civil Rights	Film
SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK	NR	VARIED	SERIES
THE REVOLUTION	NR	AMERICAN REV.	SERIES
10 DAYS THAT CHANGED AMERICA	NR	VARIED	SERIES
SONS OF LIBERTY	NR	AMERICAN REV.	SERIES
THE CENTURY: AMERICA'S TIME	NR	VARIED	SERIES
WORLD WAR II:THE WAR IN EUROPE	NR	WWII Documentary	SERIES
THE WORLD WARS	NR	WWII Documentary	SERIES
AMERICA: THE STORY OF US	NR	VARIED Documentary	SERIES
HAMILTON'S AMERICA	NR	REVOLUTION	Documentary
HAMILTON	NR	REVOLUTION	MUSICAL
CARTOONS GO TO WAR	NR	WWII	Documentary
HIROSHIMA	NR	WWII	Documentary
THE BOMB	NR	WWII	Documentary
BUTTER BATTLE BOOK	NR	COLD WAR	Documentary
MIGHTY TIMES	NR	CIVIL RIGHTS	Documentary
A TIME FOR JUSTICE	NR	CIVIL RIGHTS	Documentary
SELMA:BRIDGE TO THE BALLOT	NR	CIVIL RIGHTS	Documentary
CHILDREN'S MARCH	NR	CIVIL RIGHTS	Documentary
SOUNDTRACK FOR REVOLUTION	NR	CIVIL RIGHTS	Documentary