

Social Studies Class Rules and Procedures for Mr. Johnson

I. RULES:

- A. There is only one rule in Mr. Johnson's class: Show respect for yourself, for others, for property.
- B. Rewards for following the rule include good conduct scores, good recommendations for high school, and treats from the teacher (I keep a candy jar).
- C. Consequences for breaking this rule will be a warning, an essay explaining the infraction and how to avoid it in future (from 200-500 words, depending on the severity or frequency of the infraction), a conduct referral, lunch detention, a visit to the office, or any combination of the above.

II. PROCEDURES:

- A. Students will enter the class quietly, sit in their seats and begin getting ready for instruction:
 1. turn in late homework (if any)
 2. sharpen pencils (if needed)
 3. get out homework to be corrected (if assigned)
 4. open textbooks
 5. put away excess materials **under** the desk (to avoid tripping hazards)
 6. begin work on the assignment (as given by the teacher)
- B. During class, students will remain seated, (this reduces distractions from the lesson).
 1. Exceptions are:
 - a. the teacher has given permission
 - b. the class is doing seat work
 2. Students must **always** get the teacher's permission before leaving the classroom.
 3. The bell is the teacher's signal. Wait for permission to pack and dismiss.
- C. Homework assignments:
 1. Assignments are posted on the assignment board at the front of the room.
 2. Social Studies assignments will be done in the binder, in blue or black ink. Corrections will be made in green ink.
 3. Students will begin each assignment on a new page.
 4. Assignments will have the correct date (which will be posted on the assignment board), on the top right of the page
 5. The assignment (for example, Section Review 3.2) and page number will be centered on the top of the page
 6. Assignments turned in late will be marked "Late" (by the student) at the top of the paper and turned into the late work tray.
 7. Assignments turned in late due to absence will be marked "Absent" (by the student) at the top of the paper and turned into the late work tray.
 8. Assignments will be turned in to the appropriate tray, or as directed by the teacher.
 9. Any loose-leaf papers (worksheets) will be hole-punched and placed in the binder.

D. Belongings

1. All books, spirals and folders will be marked with the student's name.
2. It is optional, but recommended, that all other belongings, including pencils and pens be marked with the student's name.
3. All books will be covered at all times.

E. Grading

1. Social Studies grades are divided into four categories: Homework (30%), Quizzes (20%), Tests (40%), and Participation (10%).
2. Late (not absent) homework will receive half credit, if the class has already checked the answers. Students have two days to turn in late work. Thereafter, a grade of zero will be entered in the grade book. If the class has not checked the answers, late work will be deducted 10% for each day late for up to two days. Thereafter, a grade of zero will be entered in the grade book. Homework done during checking time will receive a grade of zero. Any homework not turned in within two minutes of the teacher's call will be considered late.
3. Absent students will have as many days as they were absent to turn in homework without penalty.
3. All quizzes are pop quizzes. Be prepared at all times. Quizzes will not be given until after the topic has been covered to the teacher's satisfaction.
4. Tests will be given every 1-2 weeks.
5. Projects will sometimes be assigned in lieu of a test; the project will be counted as a test grade.
6. Binders will be kept in neat order, with the tab dividers in the following order: Notes, Homework, Quiz, Test, Other.

EXAMPLE OF PROPER HOMEWORK FORMAT (STARTS AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE):

Joe Smith
SS 7.5

8/21/09
Student Number

Using Maps Section Review 1.3 p. 12

1. Relative location- Relative location refers to where a place is located in relation to other places
2. Absolute location- Absolute location refers the exact location of a place on the earth, perhaps using latitude and longitude lines.