

## Social Studies 8

To all parents/guardians & students:

Please read over the following information with your son/daughter to ensure an understanding of our expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school (467-3800) or visit the school's website to contact teachers via email.

### **I understand that in Social class I am expected to:**

- come to class on time with my textbook, binder, assignments & supplies.
- keep track of assignments, tests, be prepared for exams and be in class on exam days.
- stay on task and complete all assigned work.
- Current Events will be discussed and studied throughout the year, and students are expected to keep informed on events.
- refrain from distracting other students during class.
- check the teacher's website, homework board and Google Classroom for work missed and due dates.

### **Assessment**

- Report card marks (of learning) in Social are based on tests, written work, projects, presentations, mapping, unit exams and the final exam in June
- For learning practices include; but are not limited to, textbook questions, small written assignments, mapping, discussions etc.
- the final exam may include material from the entire year

**Assessment Policy in EIPS.** With the assessment policy in Elk Island schools, students will be encouraged to show their learning and understanding in a variety of ways.

- Marks during the year will be determined based on cumulative work
- Student learning may be demonstrated by tests, written work, projects, presentations and other opportunities for learning
- Students may be given an opportunity to show additional learning with alternative assignments
- Formative assessments will be recorded for information purposes, but will not be used in determining a students' report card mark
- Students will be given every opportunity to hand in assignments and all students will be expected to hand every assignment in; should a student not hand an assignment in, they will be expected to give up lunch hour(s) or time after school to complete assignment(s)
- \*Elk Island Public schools has an assessment policy which allows students (as per teacher discretion) to re-do or re-write some assessments, in order for the student to demonstrate their best learning. Some assessments, such as midterm or final exams are exempt from this. \* *Please see the school website and click on the Guide to Reporting Student Achievement link for more information.*

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### Course Description

*How do people in different societies view the world and influence each other?* Through inquiry, students will reflect on their own worldview and assess the influence that the past has on the present. By examining historical examples drawn from Japan, Renaissance Europe and Spanish and Aztec societies, your teen will better understand how contact between societies can lead to change. For more information about Grade 8 Social Studies, refer to the [program of studies](#).

Category	Category Description	Weighting With Cumulative Assessment
From Isolation to Adaptation: Japan (Japan)	Through an examination of Japan, students demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the ways in which beliefs, values and knowledge shape worldviews and contribute to a society's isolation or adaptation.	25%
Origins of a Western Worldview: Renaissance (Renaissance)	Through an examination of Renaissance Europe, students demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how the exchange of ideas and knowledge contributed to shaping the worldview of the Western world.	35%
Worldviews in Conflict: Aztecs (Aztecs)	Through an examination of Spanish and Aztec societies, students demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how intercultural contact affects the worldviews of societies.	25%
Cumulative assessment 15% is the weighting.		15%

### Course Supplies Required

- 1-inch binder, 3 dividers & lined paper
- blue/black pen(s), pencil, eraser

### Textbook: Worldviews; Contact & Change

Students are responsible for the textbook assigned to them during the year. Should a student damage or lose their textbook, they will be responsible to paying the cost to replace it. Average replacement costs for Social textbooks is \$90.

***Students & parents need to recognize that reading (both in & outside of school) is one the best strategies they can do to help themselves be successful in Social Studies.***

### Course Outline for the Year

September- January	Renaissance Europe
February-April	Spanish Conquest of the Aztecs
April-June	Isolation in Japan

