

Mr. Natale  
SOCIAL STUDIES 8

Grading Policy:

Tests and Projects	60 %
Homework	15 %
Quizzes	5%
Participation/preparation/behavior	20%

There will be State Test in the first week of June which will test your knowledge of both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade American History. The grade you receive on this test will count as a full quarter grade, which will be averaged in to arrive at your final grade in this class.

Class Rules:

- You must have a medium sized loose-leaf binder with sufficient paper
- You must bring me two full boxes of pencils to be stored in class
- You must have a pen at all times
- You must be on time, lateness will adversely affect your grade
- Within two minutes of the late bell you must have writing material, homework's and any assigned class reading out on your desk and be prepared to begin.
- You may NOT leave your seat for ANY reason during class time without my stated permission
- No food in the classroom
- You may NOT speak in class unless your hand has been raised and I have acknowledged you

I have read and fully understand the above explanation of Mr.Natale's rules and grading policy

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

## COARSE OVERVIEW

This course is the second half of your Junior High Social Studies American History. We will learn about the historical social, political and economic developments that have shaped our country. Our studies begin with the Civil War and will move chronologically forward all the way to modern times. That is almost one hundred and sixty (160) years of history. The broad topics we will cover are as follows:

THE CIVIL WAR

RECONSTRUCTION

INDUSTRIALIZATION

URBAN GROWTH

MASS IMMIGRATION

THE PROGRESSIVE ERA

IMPERIALISM

WORLD WAR I

THE ROARING TWENTIES (JAZZ AGE)

THE GREAT DEPRESSION

WORLD WAR II

THE COLD WAR

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

THE VIETNAM WAR

MODERN PRESIDENTS AND POLICIES FROM CARTER TO PRESENT

Testing and quizzes will consist of Multiple Choice questions, True & False questions, Constructed Response questions and Document-Based questions. Homework will be section assignments in textbook as well as handouts generated by me and the typing of class-produced outlines.