

Welcome to Mr. Maflahi's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Class –Ancient World History!

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to a new school year at Salina Intermediate School! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children. In order to make this year successful, teamwork and cooperation is necessary by all. As your son or daughter's teacher, it is my goal to help him/her become a confident learner and I will do my best to help make this year a positive experience for your child.

I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year and I am certain that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child succeed. To stay connected at home, I have a blog available in which you can subscribe to by email. I will be updating the blog frequently to keep you informed. You can access my blog from <http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/maflahi> If you have any questions now or at anytime in the future, do not hesitate to contact me on my school email [mafahg@dearbornschools.org](mailto:mafahg@dearbornschools.org) or by the school's phone number 313-827-6604.

Additional information about the class is attached to this syllabus. Please read the syllabus with your child and sign the detachable portion on the bottom of this letter in order to indicate your understanding of my classroom. I encourage you to keep a copy of it for future reference.

Hope to hear from you all soon,

Mr. Maflahi

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**Student Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Hour**\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

## **WHY SOCIAL STUDIES?**

According to the National Council for Social Studies “The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.”

### **Suggested Materials**

For my class you will need:

1. Planner
2. Multiple Pencils
3. Binder Social Studies ONLY
4. Notebook for Social Studies ONLY
5. Positive Attitude ☺

\*Note – if you are unable to get any of these items please let me know as soon as possible! ☺

**As a student, you are responsible for following the classroom expectations and procedures.**

### **Procedures**

**What to bring to class everyday: Writing utensils (pen or pencil), planner, notebook, BINDER, and most importantly a positive attitude.**

Side Note - Binder- you are expected to keep a binder in my class. We will be going over how to set up in class. Your binder will be a grade that will be checked every card marking. Make sure this is with you every single day.

Start of Class – Upon walking into my classroom, you are expected to sit in your assigned seat. You will then check the Promethean board under the day’s Bell Work (BW), you will then begin that day’s Bell Work. During this time I will be walking around to STAMP your Bell Work. This is how you will earn a point a day. If you are tardy, do not have a planner, do not have a writing utensil, or not focused on the Bell Work, you will lose your point for the day. This point can be earned back by showing responsibility in the future. After I am done stamping, we will check the Bell Work as a class. I will choose randomly by pulling sticks with numbers (your number will be given to you by me).

\*Note – If you are absent, you are responsible for making up that day’s Bell Work.

During Class – After BW is complete our lesson will begin. We will read the Content and Language Objectives of the day. Our days will be filled with lesson plans that will take up the entire hour. Our classes will have different types of learning activities that include using the computer, projects, lectures, debates, discussions and cooperative learning.

End of Class – At the end of class, we will put back together the room the way we found it. To leave my classroom, all floors must be cleaned and chairs must be pushed in.

**Expectations:** Everyday in my class, the following expectations are required to be followed:

-When I want your attention, I will count down from 3, 2, 1. At one you should be in your ASSIGNED seat, eyes on me, and ready to listen for directions.

-When asking questions or making comments in this classroom, you must raise your hand and wait for an adult to call on you to speak. We will be doing a lot of assignments that include discussion this year. Everyone deserves a fair chance to speak, let's give everyone the respect of listening and remaining quiet while someone else is speaking.

-Stay focused on Social Studies and not surrounding drama. Swearing – We do not swear in my classroom. Profanity will result in a write up. Also, respect the property of others. If it doesn't belong to you DO NOT touch it.

-Cooperative learning – We will be doing a great deal of cooperative, “Group” learning. Groups may vary from random, choosing a partner, or working with your table. During group learning, you will need to be cooperative with one another for the task that needs to be done. I expect all groups to be on task and working together.

-If at any time we leave this room to go outside, or the auditorium, we will walk as a class in a straight line quietly to our destination.

-Treat this room with respect. This means cleaning up after yourself. We are a team, so we will work as one. Please do not write on the desks. If the writing on my desk becomes a problem you will be required to wipe down all desks.

-Forgot your materials? – If you forget something in your locker, please let me know the sooner the better. Whether it is your homework, a pencil, binder etc. Extra pencils can be found on my desk, but please ask before taking. Extra copies of assignments may be found in the box by my desk.

-You are more than welcome to use my hand sanitizers, tape, stapler, 3-hole punch, tissue just ask! Please do not touch various items or objects around the room, computers, drawers, my desk, etc. unless I have instructed you to do so.

-Emergency Drills – **During any type of emergency drill, we need to take things seriously.** We will follow the directions on the wall by the door depending on the different drills. If you do not follow a drill seriously, an automatic after school detention with me will be given.

-Visitors/Phone Calls/Announcements – From time to time, we will receive phone calls, visitors and announcements. If I am in the middle of the lesson and have to take the phone call, greet the visitor or listen to an announcement, I will expect you to be quiet for that time being, unless I have stated otherwise.

-Stepping out of the room – If for any reason I have to step out of the room, I expect the class to continue the task they are working on. No exceptions.

-Bathroom passes: Please use good judgment when asking to use the bathroom. I know who I see in the hallways on a daily basis, and who is leaving my classroom to fool around. **You will need your planner to use the bathroom, or leave my room period. You have three passes for each month.**

-Please do not just get up to walk around the classroom. We will have plenty of time to work outside of your seats, save it for then. If you must get up, please ask me to get up. (example – tissue, pencil sharpener, etc)

-The black bankers box on the table next to my desk is where you will turn in-class assignments, tests, and quizzes. lined paper and computer paper will be provided as well.

-The bankers box will be labeled with your hours on them. This is where I will keep graded papers, until I am ready to have them passed back. There will be a tray labeled **missing work**. In case you are absent or need a new one. If you are absent, you are responsible for getting what you've missed.

-There will be plenty of times where we work on assignments in class and you will finish early. If you finish early, you are expected NOT to disturb other students. What you can do when you are done is assist me, assist others, work on work for another class or read your silent reading book. Refer to the "To-do" board.

**-Substitute rules- I expect you to treat the substitute the same way you treat me, with RESPECT. The same rules, procedures and expectations apply if I am not in the room. Make good choices. If you choose to misbehave while I am out, you will have an automatic call home, lunch detention, and an after school detention with me or Friday detention.**

-Tests – During tests or quizzes, you are expected to work on your assessment only. You are not to talk during or after the test. If you are talking, I will assume you are cheating and your test score will result in a Zero. When you are finished with your test, read or work on assignments for another class or stay silent. You were given peace and quiet during your test, so everyone deserves it until the last person is finished. Refer to the "To-do" board.

-Current Events – Twice a card marking you are responsible for summarizing two current events that will be based off Flocabulary/CNN Student News/Jr. Scholastic.

-Cheating – If you are caught cheating on any assignment, you will be given a ZERO. No further explanation needed. If more than one person is involved with cheating, both students will receive zeros. This includes the Internet. If you do not cite your sources when writing a research paper, I will find out and you will receive a zero. If you are caught cheating again, further action will be taken.

Technology- We will be using many different forms of technology in my class. You are expected to only go on the web sites or places I tell you to go to. Doing otherwise can and will result in a lower grade or not using technology at all. Your cellphones will not be used in class either. If I see it, I will take it and turn it in to the office.

### **Homework Procedure:**

- Homework is due the day after I assign it, unless I state otherwise.
- Forgot to do your homework? You will be filling out a form in the "Mr. Maflahi's, I forgot to do your homework binder." If filling out this form becomes a habit, it will result in a call home or an after school detention. You also could be facing a ZAP pass – "Zeros aren't permitted", and will be staying to work with me at lunch until the assignment is finished.
- I do accept late work, however points may be taken off. At any time, you can turn it into the bin that says **Late work**. This is also the **Absent bin**. So if you were absent or late with an assignment, put it in the bin.
- If you are absent at any time of the year, it is your responsibility to get the work. However, please check the blog and email me if you have any questions. Please see me ASAP if you are absent, the sooner we can get your work in the better.

### **Grading:**

Your grades in this class will reflect effort and improvement in Social Studies. You will be graded on:

- Homework (Formative)
- Assignments (Formative/Summative)
- BellWork (Formative)

- Positive Participation Points (Summative Points each Card Marking Period)
- Binder (Summative 50 points a card marking)
- Tests/Quizzes/Projects (Summative)

All assignments will be uploaded to my blog. If you are absent, please check it. If you do not have a printer, you are more than welcome to write the answers on a piece of paper. I will accept it!

**Extra Credit** – There will be plenty of opportunities for extra credit in my class.

I will be uploading grades frequently to keep you and your parents updated.



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