**Social Studies Syllabus**

**Salem Middle School 2014-2015**

**Classroom Expectations:**

1. Arrive on time, be prepared, and **PARTICIPAT**E in a positive manner.
2. Respect the rights of others.
3. Appropriate behavior and language is expected at all times.
4. Do NOT bring non-instructional items to school.
5. Your agenda is to be with you AT ALL TIMES.

\*Each class may add expectations as needed to govern itself more effectively.

**Absences:** You will be responsible for gathering your classwork and homework upon returning to school. If you miss an assessment while you are absent, you must see the teacher to make it up.

**Grading:** The social studies grading policy aligns with Salem’s policy of zero tolerance for zeros. The Social Studies average is comprised of three categories of summative assessments.

1. Tests 40%
2. Projects 40%
3. Quizzes 20%

**SSR:** Silent Sustained Reading will take place in Social Studies at least once a week. Students are responsible for having an independent reading book with them during this time.

**Interactive Learning Log (ILL):**

In an effort to maximize learning, each student will need to keep an individual, personal learning log or interactive learning log (I.L.L.), which will be a way for them to measure their day-by-day progress.

**Homework:** Homework is generally used as an extension ofclasswork. Students will be expected to complete missed or incomplete assignments during their lunch period.

**By signing below, both you and your parent have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the above guidelines. You also agree to keep this paper with your signature on it, at the front of your Social Studies binder through out the entire course.**

**Student Signature**

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Supplies:** Students are responsible for having the following items with them in every class.

* 2 Spiral notebooks

(180 pages, 8 ½” x 11”)

* Glue Sticks
* SSR Books
* Agenda
* Colored Pencils

**About Ms.Klauka**

I am originally from Michigan and I moved to the Raleigh area seven years ago. I attended North Carolina State University where I received my undergraduate degree in education with a focus on English Language Arts and Social Studies. In my spare time I enjoy reading, spending time with family and friends, and playing with my dog, Rufus.

**Contact Information**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the subject matter, your child’s performance, or my grading policy, please contact me at [hklauka2@wcpss.net](mailto:hklauka2@wcpss.net).

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