

# SOCIAL STUDIES 8

"to be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child"

- Cicero

## Class Rules

1. Follow directions quickly.



2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.



3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.



4. Make smart choices.



5. Keep your dear teacher HAPPY.



## Class Expectations

1. Be in seat when tardy bell rings.
2. Put proper heading on all papers.
3. Use restroom during designated times.
4. Maintain a clean and orderly work area.
5. Bring all of your supplies to class daily.
6. Complete all of your work & turn it in on time.
7. All JCMS rules and policies shall be observed within the classroom.

## Course Description

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies! Our focus this school year will be learning and developing our skills as critical thinkers, readers, writers, speakers, and listeners through a historical lense! Sounds a bit like Language Arts, right? Well, the quality of life you experience now thorough adulthood will depend a lot on how well you read, write, and communicate with others. We will developed these essential skills all while studying United States and North Carolina history!



## What do I get if I follow class rules?

Your appropriate behavior in class assures everyone of an environment conducive to learning. Some possible rewards for continuous appropriate behavior are: intrinsic value (satisfaction of learning), improved skills, verbal praise, positive note to parents, tangible trinkets (CANDY), Core Cards, PBIS Celebrations

## What are the consequences if I don't follow class rules?

1. Verbal Warnings: Mrs. L. provides a verbal reprimand/reminder to student.
2. Sent to alternative seat or room/Silent Lunch
3. After School Detention
4. Referral to Administration: student will be immediately referred to administration for severe behavior problems. Parent Contact will be made.

## Where do I find assignments?

Mrs. Lonergan maintains a website daily. This site will house the events of each class, assignment due dates, PDF copies of class handouts, important announcements, and more. Please bookmark the following site and check it daily:

<http://mrslonergansroom.weebly.com>

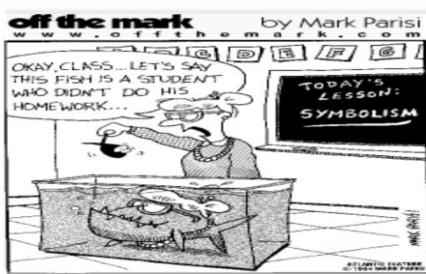
Edmodo is where many class assignments, discussions, and projects will be posted and turned in. More information to come!

## What happens if I turn in an assignment late?

Work not completed and turned in by the assigned date is considered late. If a student is absent on the date work is due, the assignment is due the first day the student returns to school. LATE WORK COMPLETED WITHIN THREE DAYS will only receive partial credit (70% of the assignment total). LATE WORK HANDED IN AFTER THREE DAYS will not be graded and will result in a zero for the assignment.

## Grade Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60



## Grade Breakdown

Tests =	35%
Quizzes =	25%
Projects =	30%
Classwork/Homework =	10%



## School Fees

• Instructional Fee	\$5.00
• Chorus	\$5.00
• Band	\$10.00
• Orchestra	\$10.00
• CTE	\$2.00
• Art	\$7.00
• Locker	\$2.00
• Laptop Insurance	\$25.00

## How will I check my grade in class?

Mrs. Lonergan updates her electronic grade book almost daily. Class progress reports will be sent home every third and sixth week, and report cards go home every ninth (end of grading period). Parents and students are also strongly encouraged to check the Power School on a weekly basis to view the most current grades for EVERY class.

## What do I do if I am absent?

Always check Mrs. Lonergan's website for agendas, handouts, and assignment due dates. Any paper copies can be obtained in the "While You Were Out" folders provided in the classroom. A student has two extra days to turn in any work assigned on a day a student was absent. If a quiz was administered on a day a student was absent, the quiz must be made up on the first day the student returns. If previously assigned work was due on the day of the absence, the work is due on the first day the student returns otherwise it is considered late and will only receive 70% credit.

## When do I get to my laptop?!

Onslow County Schools will continue its I:1 Initiative for the 2015-2016 school year. Students should receive their laptops within the first two weeks of school. **Please remember: there is a \$25.00 insurance fee that must be paid in order to receive your laptop.** For more information on the Onslow County School's I:1 Initiative, please visit the district website: [www.onslowcountyschoolinsites.com](http://www.onslowcountyschoolinsites.com)

## What supplies do I need for my classes?

JCMS has established a school-wide supply list. Students are encouraged to obtain and maintain the following items for the entire school year. This means if you run out, wear out, or lose any of your supplies, **it is your responsibility to bring more.**

### Supplies

3" 3-Ring Binder (no zip-ups!)	Notebook paper (no spirals!)
Pencils & Blue/Black Pens	12-pack Colored Pencils
Pencil Pouch (for binder)	Scissors & Gluesticks
Highlighters	10 Clear Sheet Protectors

## What can I do if I am falling behind?

It is important to communicate with Mrs. Lonergan if you begin to feel, for any reason, that you are not keeping up in class. Mrs. Lonergan is available for tutoring in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 – 7:35. If these times do not work for your family, please see Mrs. Lonergan. Remember, Mrs. Lonergan is here for you, and together we can be successful in Social Studies!

## How can I meet with Mrs. Lonergan?

Students are ALWAYS welcome in Mrs. Lonergan's room. Please do not hesitate to visit with me or utilize time to obtain homework help (for any class!) Parents: I am available before and after school most days for conferences. I am also available for conferences during the day at 11:15am or 11:45am. Please call the front office or email to schedule a conference!

**PLEASE READ THE COURSE INFORMATION, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS SHEET TO MRS. LONERGAN BY WEDNESDAY 8/26/15! THIS IS YOUR FIRST HOMEWORK GRADE!**

**Students:**

Please sign below to signify that you have read the course sheet for Mrs. Lonergan's class, will keep it in your binder, will be responsible for the information throughout the year, and **will check Parent Portal at least twice per week at school or at home.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student printed name

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

**Parents/Guardians:**

Check all the statements that apply to how you would like to communicate with Mrs. Lonergan about your student's progress. I will, of course, call for major concerns or accomplishments, but with almost 130 students, I like to know how you'd prefer to communicate.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We have internet access at home, so we will check Parent Portal at least twice per week to check on my/our student's progress. I/We will contact Mrs. Lonergan about any concerns we have.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to email Mrs. Lonergan weekly or monthly for an update.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We do not have internet access at home, but I/we would like to have regular contact with Mrs. Lonergan. I/we will call for an update on a regular basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below to indicate that you have read the course sheet for Mrs. Lonergan's class and that you will help your student be accountable for the information. If you have questions about the course or your student's work, please do not hesitate to contact me; **email is the best way to reach me quickly.**

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Parent/Guardian printed name

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Parent/Guardian signature

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Parent/Guardian e-mail  
(please print)

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Parent/Guardian **daytime** phone number(s)

**Parents and guardians, please CIRCLE the best way for me to contact you:**  
**e-mail** **phone**