# 5th Grade Pre-AP Social Studies Syllabus 2019-2020

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## Description:

# 5th Grade Social Studies encompasses the 8 strands of social studies: American history, government, economics, geography, culture, citizenship, science and technology in society, and social studies skills.

# Text:

Social Studies: The United States, Harcourt

The Nystrom Atlas of Our Country’s History, Nystrom

## Goals:

The student will demonstrate a basic knowledge of:

1. History, government and economics of the U.S. from their early beginning to the present.
2. Basic geography of the continental U.S. and the impact of various cultures on the growth of America.
3. The significance of fundamental rights of American citizens and the responsibilities associated therewith.
4. Critical thinking skills to organize and use information correctly from a variety of sources, including electronic technology.
	1. Requirements:

All students will be required to maintain a planner for recording objectives, assignments and homework. All students will be required to have a composition notebook that will be left in class. The notebook will be used as an interactive journal to organize and record class information as well as to make a social studies resource journal for the student. Each student will also be required to complete daily bell work that will be checked occasionally throughout the 6 weeks for a daily assignment grade. Incomplete classwork can be completed as homework. However, if the assignment was due by the end of the class and it was completed for homework, a late penalty will be given.

Content Based Assessments (CBA’s) will be given the 1st week of each grading period and will cover the previous grading period’s material. The CBA will be counted as a TEST grade. The students will be assigned at least 2 homework assignments per 6 weeks. In addition, all pre-AP students will be required to complete various at- home reports, projects and reading assignments.

Resources:

* Skyward is our online gradebook. Parents may check student’s grades from home. To check on your student’s grades, go to <http://www.mansfieldisd.org/>. Click on Skyward and follow the directions. Student grades and assignments are updated each week by Sunday night for the previous week.
* Student Textbook *on-line*: The Social Studies: The United States, by Harcourt.

[www.ehartcourtschool.com](http://www.ehartcourtschool.com). The user name is alow3 and the password is asalow.

* Website: I will maintain a class website where assignments, handouts, resources, and reading material can be found. Students and parents can use this resource to help a student catch up, get missing work, and get extra practice. I do not make additional copies of worksheets, so if a student misplaces an assignment, he or she can go to my website and print off another copy. If a student does not have access to a printer or a computer, the library is open before and after school where this can be taken care of.

Course Policies:

Attendance – Regular school attendance is essential for students to gain the maximum benefit from teacher-led and school activities. An unexcused tardy will result in action being taken in accordance with school policies. See school discipline policy regarding signings, detentions, and other violations.

Missed Exams/Assignments: Students can make up assignments or tests after excused absences. Students will have the same number of days they are absent to make up work. (For example, Johnny is absent Friday and Monday. When he returns to school on Tuesday, his make-up work will be due on Thursday. After this time, late penalties will be applied to the assignments.)

Students need to consult with the teacher after an absence to identify work that needs to be completed.  *It is the student’s responsibility to collect their missing assignments.* The student may also refer to the class website.

Late Work: Students will be deducted 15 points for work turned in up to one day late from the *time due* and 30 points for more than one day late. After 3 days, any missing work that is turned in during the SAME grading period will have the maximum grade of a 50%. I will drop one daily grade at the end of each grading period.

Academic Dishonesty: A student found cheating or aiding in cheating will receive a referral and/or a zero on the assignment, and further consequences will be determined by the assistant principal.

Grading: 50% will be for class work, homework, quizzes, and participation. 40% will be for tests and projects and 10% for homework. Students will have one opportunity to retake a test that they earn less than a 70% for no more than a 70%. No daily assignments or homework will be eligible for corrections.

Available Support Services: Tutoring will be offered by the teacher before school, and resources are on the class website. The on-line class textbook is also a useful source to review information read in class. The library resources are also available for check out and use.

Grading periods:

* August 14th – September 20th
* September 23rd – November 1st
* November 4th – December 18th
* January 8th – February 21st
* February 24th – April 19th
* April 13th – May 28th

Receipt of 5th grade Social Studies Syllabus – Due Wednesday, August 21st

Parents,

Please sign below acknowledging that you have read the 5th Grade Social Studies syllabus and understand the requirements of the Social Studies course throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Also, please contact me through email if you have any questions what so ever concerning course material and clarification on the information provided.

Thank you!

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