

Dominican International School Kaohsiung



Course Syllabus

Subject: Social Studies
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School Year: 2023-24

Grade: 5

Course Description:

In this course, students will examine world history as it relates to events happening in the USA from the Civil War to the present. Students will be challenged to explain the relationship between those events and global trends happening around the world at the same time. Students will also develop skills for problem solving and decision making, as they attempt to assess issues and make value judgments. Finally, as students examine each event, they will explore the history, development and social issues of Taiwan that were occurring at the same time.

Course Textbooks/Programs:

Primary Textbook:

Bennett, L., & Kracht, J. (2019). *MyWorld Interactive Social Studies: Growth of Our Nation*. Pearson.

Class Materials Required:

- Social Studies Textbook
- Materials listed on the *Homeroom Supplies* list

Classroom Expectations

In order to promote a safe and positive classroom community and an environment conducive to learning, all students will:

Respect Self

- Listen and follow directions the first time they are given
- Come to class prepared and on time
- Complete all assignments
- Choose to use words that are appropriate for school
- Speak only in English
- Do your best!

Respect Others

- Listen actively to what others have to say and take turns in conversations
- Raise your hand before speaking
- Follow all of the DISK Handbook rules and procedures

Respect Property

- Handle all school and classroom equipment appropriately and with care
- Ask before touching other people's belongings

Assessment:

Formative, summative, and pre-assessments in the form of projects, quizzes, homework assignments, presentations, quizzes, tests, and quarter exams contribute to the final quarter grade. In addition, students will be assessed for deportment following the DOP STARS Deportment Rubric. See the table below for a breakdown of quarterly/yearly grading percentages.

30%	Class Participation & Seatwork, Homework
30%	Minor Projects, Portfolio, Unit Tests & Major Projects
30%	Quarter Exam/Assessment
10%	Deportment

Quarter One - Course Content

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	Progress Testing Social Studies Skills and Resources
Week 2	Social Studies Skills and Resources
Week 3	Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction Lesson 1 Struggles Over Slavery
Week 4	Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction Lesson 2 The War Begins
Week 5	Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction Lesson 3 Life During the Civil War
Week 6	Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction Lesson 4 The War Ends
Week 7	Mid-Autumn Festival Holiday/Teacher Retreat No Classes
Week 8	Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction Lesson 5 Reconstruction
Week 9	EXAM WEEK

Quarter Two - Course Content

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	Chapter 11 Industry and Immigration Lesson 1 Inventors and Inventions
Week 2	Chapter 11 Industry and Immigration Lesson 2 The Impact of Big Business
Week 3	Chapter 11 Industry and Immigration Lesson 3 Immigration
Week 4	Chapter 12 Struggle for Reform Lesson 1 The Progressive Era
Week 5	Chapter 12 Struggle for Reform Lesson 2 Unequal Opportunities for African Americans
Week 6	Chapter 12 Struggle for Reform Lesson 3 The Fight for Women's Rights
Week 7	Chapter 11 & 12 Making Connections
Week 8	Chapter 11 & 12 Review
Week 9	EXAMS

Quarter Three - Course Content

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	Chapter 13 Good Times and Hardships Lesson 1 World War 1
Week 2	Chapter 13 Good Times and Hardships Lesson 2 The Roaring Twenties
Week 3	Chapter 13 Good Times and Hardships Lesson 3 The Great Depression
Week 4	Chapter 13 Good Times and Hardships Lesson 4 The New Deal
Week 5	Chapter 14 World War II Lesson 1 World War II Begins
Week 6	Chapter 14 World War II Lesson 2 World War II at Home
Week 7	Chapter 14 World War II Lesson 3 World War II in Europe
Week 8	Chapter 14 World War II Lesson 4 The Holocaust
Week 9	Exams

Quarter Four - Course Content

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
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Week 1	Taiwan Unit Lesson History of Taiwan
Week 2	Taiwan Unit Lesson History of Taiwan
Week 3	Taiwan Unit Lesson Geography of Taiwan
Week 4	Taiwan Unit Lesson Geography of Taiwan
Week 5	Taiwan Unit Democracy Taiwan
Week 6	Taiwan Unit Democracy Taiwan
Week 7	Review Taiwan Unit
Week 8	EXAMS