**Eight Grade Social Course Syllabuses 2012-2013**



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**Description**

The focus for social studies in 8th grade is the history of South Carolina and the role that the state and its people have played in the development of the United States as a nation. Students learn about the state’s development during colonial times and the growth of the American ideal, which led to the break with England, the rising controversy about slavery, and the Civil War. The study of the rebuilding of South Carolina after the Civil War and the continuing struggle for civil rights and justice waged by the people of South Carolina allows students to see the progress that the state has made and to appreciate the contributions that its people have made to the nation as a whole.

**Requirements**

 Each unit of study will include direct instruction and various classroom activities, homework, quizzes and chapter test. Students should have necessary supplies every day.

**Supplies**

Students need a pencil or black or blue pen and loose leaf notebook paper and a 3 ring binder to keep everything in. I frequently use handouts and they are 3-holed punched for filing and organization. Students are not allowed to use tear out paper from spiral composition. They can be messy and leave paper on the floor.

**Course Schedule**

 **1st quarter**

 Colonial America and South Carolina

 **2nd quarter**

 Royal Government in South Carolina, the American Revolution, Antebellum Years

 **3rd quarter**

 Manifest Destiny, the Civil War, Reconstruction

 **4th quarter**

 The Progressive Movement and beyond

**Grading Scale**

Tests 40%

Homework and class work 30%

Quizzes 30%