

## **Text**

World Studies Latin America. Upper Saddle River NJ: Pearson, 2005

Text Website: [www.PHSchool.com](http://www.PHSchool.com)

Creating America A History of the United States. Evanston, IL: McDougal Littell, 2005

Text Website: [www.classzone.com/books/ca05\\_1877/index.cfm](http://www.classzone.com/books/ca05_1877/index.cfm)

## **Expectations/Guidelines**

1.) Pay close attention in class. Students' learning is reinforced during class discussion. Ask questions if information needs to be clarified. 2.) Actively participate in class activities. Stay on task in small group activities. 3.) Homework is typically reading, taking notes based on a provided outline, answering review questions, working on a project or studying. Students should always review notes or any other work done in class. 4.) Written homework in Social Studies is typically given several nights a week. 5.) When we review written homework in class, students should make corrections in their notebooks so they have the proper material from which to study. 6.) Use the textbook website listed above. Vocabulary flashcards and sample test questions are available online for practice. 7.) Students are provided essay questions for tests ahead of the test day. Outline the essay answer in preparation for the test. I emphasize the development of essays that are well supported by detailed information. To be able to do this, students must learn the information by studying.

## **Materials**

The following items are to be brought to class everyday. 1.) Covered Social Studies text 2.) Social Studies notebook used only for Social Studies 3.) Expandable folder with a pocket dedicated to Social Studies only 2.) Loose leaf paper 3.) Sharpened pencils and/or pens 5.) Assignment book

## **Class Format**

1.) Large and small group activities 2.) Individual projects and reports 3.) Lecture/note taking/study guide completion 4.) Current events magazine

## **Grading**

1.) Based on points earned out of total possible points 2.) Homework is graded randomly. 3.) Reports and projects are always graded. 4.) Quizzes are usually announced. An unannounced quiz is open notebook

covering notes taken for homework. 5.) Tests are always announced.

### **Curriculum**

Westward Movement  
Native Americans Big  
Business and Unions  
Immigration  
Progressivism US  
Expansion WWI Roaring  
Twenties Great  
Depression WWII Cold  
War Korean War Civil  
Rights Movement  
Vietnam Modern US

Latin American Geography and  
Culture Causes of the Civil War Civil  
War Reconstruction