

8th Grade Georgia Studies 2nd Semester Syllabus • Mrs. McDaniel's Class
January-May 2015

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, January 6th – Welcome Back! First day of 2nd semester.

Wednesday, January 14th – Final deadline to submit payment and permission slip for the Atlanta History Center field trip.

Monday, January 19th – MLK, Jr. Day, No School

Friday, January 30th – Atlanta History Center Field Trip

Monday, February 2nd – Friday, February 6th – Conference Week

Monday, February 16th – Friday, February 20th – Winter Break

Friday, March 13th – Teacher Workday, No School

Monday, April 6th – Friday, April 10th – Spring Break

Friday, May 22nd – Last Day of School

How to Contact Mrs. McDaniel

Need Help? Questions? Concerns?

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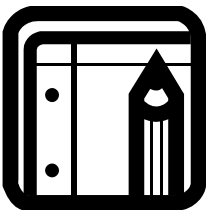
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Units of Study

Listed below are the remaining topics to be covered before the end of the year. It's a lot and we're going to move real fast. So, fasten your seat belt and don't get left behind.

- Georgia State Government (All 3 Branches)
- Local (City & Country) Government
- Government Funding
- Georgia's Growth & Expansion
- Antebellum Georgia
- The Civil War
- Reconstruction
- The New South
- The Great Depression & World Wars I and II
- Post World War II
- Modern Georgia
- Personal Finance



Supplies Needed

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to bring the following supplies to class with you every day. You will not be permitted to go your locker to get your supplies.

- New 70-Sheet Spiral Notebook
- 2-Pocket Folder
- GA Studies Textbook
- Pens and Pencils

Tests and Quizzes

Tests and quizzes are not evil. They serve a purpose. The first purpose is to provide Mrs. West with feedback about what and how much you have learned and retained the information taught in class. The second purpose is that they provide you with feedback about what and how much you have learned and retained the information taught in class. Be prepared for a weekly or bi-weekly quiz and unit tests. Quizzes may be unannounced. Mrs. West will always inform you of an upcoming test.

**YOU MUST
STUDY!**





NO WHINING
ANY TIME

Class Participation

It is important that you are engaged in class and actively participate. You will periodically be graded for an in-class activity or assignment based upon your participation.

Sign up for reminders from Mrs. McDaniel

To: 81010 Enter this number

Message: @ff7b53 Text this message

*Standard text message rates apply.

New message

Recipients ff7b53@mail.remind.com

Subject (You can leave the subject blank)

Nightly Homework

In preparation for high school and beyond, **YOU WILL HAVE HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT**. It is your responsibility to keep up with your homework assignments and write them in your agenda. Don't get caught with your homework incomplete. You are risking earning a failing homework grade and class grade because you don't complete your homework, even if **YOU** think Mrs. West is not going to check it. **ALWAYS BE PREPARED!**

Nightly homework may include:

- updating your notebook and notebook table of contents,
- writing learning logs/class reflections,
- reviewing notes with visual evidence AND a completed summary,
- posting to the class blog or website,
- reading from a class-assigned novel,
- reviewing vocabulary on quizlet.com, and
- reading and outlining a chapter or section in the textbook.

Late Work

Turn your work in on time. Enough said. If you are absent, see Mrs. McDaniel to discuss turning in your work.

Students must join the 8th Grade GA Studies Class - class code: *pu78xi*

Then join their class using the class codes below.

4th Period class code: *7r5ma8*
 5th Period class code: *9ef3fb*
 6th Period class code: *c96vme*
 7th Period class code: *r8rf8g*

Grading Scales

<u>Homework Grading Scale (HWK)</u>	<u>Class Work, Projects, Unit Tests & Quizzes Grading Scale (CPTQ)</u>	<u>Benchmark, Mid-Term & Final Exams Standards Mastery Scale (SMS)</u>
(✓+) Full Credit (100%), "I tried my best on EVERY question!"	90 – 100 A (Awesome, Excellent)	≥ 84% Exceeds the Standards
(✓) Partial Credit (75%), "I tried my best on MOST of the questions."	80 – 89 B (Bravo, Well Done)	≥ 51% to <84% Meets the Standards
(✓-) Half Credit (50%), "I tried my best on HALF of the questions."	75 – 79 C (Good Job, Keep Trying)	<51% Does Not Meet the Standards
(0) No Credit (0%), " I decided not to complete my homework. I understand that IF I am able to make up the assignment I WILL NOT receive full credit, even if it is turned in one day late."	70 – 74 D (Warning, You're on the Verge of a Breakdown)	
	69 & Below F (Time to Change Your Game Plan, Refocus and Review)	