

Social Studies 9 - Course Outline

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Text: Crossroads – A Meeting of Nations + Horizons – Canada’s Emerging Identity

Welcome to Social Studies 9! Over the next 5 months, we will explore a variety of concepts related to Social Studies. Social Studies 9 is the foundation for Social Studies 10 and consecutive Social Studies and History courses.

By the end of this course, you will have developed an important foundation of skills, attitudes, knowledge and respect for Social Studies.

The Big Ideas that you need to be able understand are as follows:

1. Emerging ideas and ideologies profoundly influence societies and events.
2. The physical environment influences the nature of political, social, and economic change.
3. Disparities in power alter the balance of relationships between individuals and between societies.
4. Collective identity is constructed and can change over time.

The Big Ideas will be developed by considering the following topics, which will be covered in various degrees of detail over the course.

- political, social, economic, and technological revolutions
- imperialism and colonialism, and their continuing effects on indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world
- global demographic shifts, including patterns of migration and population growth
- nationalism and the development of modern nation-states, including Canada
- local, regional, and global conflicts
- discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada and the world, such as the Head Tax, the Komagata Maru incident, residential schools, and World War I internment
- physiographic features and natural resources in Canada

Course Evaluation:

Assignments	25 %
Tests and Quizzes	25 %
Projects	25 %
Final Project	25 %
Total	100%

Class Expectations:

Attendance→ Regular attendance is **key** to success in Social Studies 9. If, for whatever reason you are away, **YOU** are responsible to get any notes, handouts, and/or information from your contact person, the front folder box, or from the website.

Homework & Assignments→ Although time will be given to complete most assignments in class; some assignments will require time out of the class to finish. When homework is assigned, it is due the next day at the **beginning of the class**. All work to be handed in must be **clearly labeled with name, date, and assignment information**.

Required Materials: Have these with you every day.

- Binder with loose-leaf paper
- Ruler
- Pens of various colors
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Well rested and inquisitive mind

Quizzes & Tests

Quizzes and tests will be taken at regular intervals throughout the course. Please be on time as extra time will not be given. If you are away during a test for a legitimate reason you may take the test at a different time (within 2-3 days of your return to school). If you have no reason to be away, you will receive a grade of 0%. Please have all necessary material with you when you are scheduled to write the test.

Social Studies can be a very rewarding course if you engage in it. You need to be an active member of class, involve yourself in discussions, ask questions to clarify, and extend your learning.

I am available before school from approximately 8:10 - 8:32, most lunch hours and sometimes after school for extra help. Please see me if you need extra help.



Please sign below stating that you have read **and** understood the **entire 2-page outline** for Social Studies 9

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____