**Mr. Thomas - Eighth Grade**

**Eighth Grade Social Studies Course Syllabus**

Instructor: Mr. Thomas  
Course: North Carolina and the History of the United States

**Course Description:** Eighth Grade Social Studies entails a study of North Carolina and the United States. This course will follow the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

* **Grading:**
  + Tests and Projects– 25%
  + Classwork – 25%
  + Quizzes - 25%
  + Participation – 25%

\* Parents may check their student's academic progress in the Eighth grade Social Studies course at any time in Power School

\* Parents are encouraged to check their student's daily assignments, projects and test dates on my Canvas page. <https://ucps.instructure.com/courses/118162>

**Course Description II**

In this course we will study the economic, political, social, and technological changes that have occurred in the United States from its colonial beginnings through the Modern Era. We will give special attention to main ideas about freedom and equality in the founding documents of our nation, especially the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. We will look closely at the arguments over civil liberties, states’ rights, and federal powers that have formed around those ideas throughout our nation’s history, and continue today. The course will encourage students to develop critical thinking skills through diverse activities to analyze American history and how it relates to current events.

**Class Expectations:**

* Students must always demonstrate respect for their fellow classmates, teachers and staff.
* Students must always bring their daily materials to class and be prepared to participate actively.
* Students must always be in class and in their seats engaging the assignment posted each day.
* Check the Canvas Page when absent to see what was missed.

**Class Guidelines**: \*Be Prompt \*Be Prepared \*Be Positive \*Be Polite + Respectful \*Be Productive

\*Bring a positive attitude to class \*Maintain good attendance \*Daily projects matter \*Join in on class discussions

Absent: No problem….

The materials and assignments for every lesson will be posted on my canvas page above at Porter Ridge Middle

Supplies: Students should come to class each day prepared with: \*Markers , colored pencils, and favorite writing tool. \*Hand held pencil sharpener

\*One spiral notebook.

I look forward to a great school year, please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas

**Teacher Contact Information:**

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