

# GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET

**SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

**COURSE: Social Studies 9H  
Global History and  
Geography I**

## **Honors**

The objectives of this course are twofold. First, the course material will provide students with a historical and cultural understanding of Non-Western Civilization while emphasizing an interpretation and analysis of this knowledge. Second, the course will stress the analytical and writing skills necessary to deal critically with historical problems and materials.

To meet these objectives, the course is designed to provide students experiences in:

- Analyzing and interpreting both primary and secondary sources.
- Note-taking from both printed materials and lectures and discussions.
- Essay writing in order to develop a facility in clear and precise expression.
- Developing and defending a thesis.
- Writing analytical and research papers.

**TEXT:** World History: Patterns of Interaction, McDougal Littell, 2008

**MAJOR AREA STUDIES:** Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, China, Japan, Korea, South and Southeast Asia

## **TESTING:**

1. There will be at least two(2) major tests each quarter at the end of each major unit of study.
2. Quizzes will be given frequently both announced and unannounced.

## **GRADING:**

A student's grade in this course will be based on several factors:

- participation in class
- homework
- long-term assignments
- performance on tests and quizzes

## **ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP WORK:**

As part of your grade rests on classroom involvement, it is important that you make an honest effort to be in class, on time, everyday. For times that it becomes necessary to be out of class, or tardy to class, please follow the following school rules:

1. Should you have a prearranged absence, it is your responsibility to consult with your teacher before you are absent from class.
2. All make-up work should be completed within one calendar week.
3. Since you are responsible for being prepared for class each day, it is strongly advised that you get the phone number or email addresss of someone in your class in order to inquire about work missed during your absence. If a quiz occurs on the day you return, you are responsible for taking it.

## **ATTENDANCE PHILOSOPHY:**

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. Cutting is not permitted. If you intentionally absent yourself from a class without a legitimate reason you will not be

entitled to make up any assignments or exams missed during that period. Intentional absences are a clear message that you are not interested in doing your best. Excessive illegal absence or any cutting will result in parental notification and will have a negative impact on how your class participation will be factored into your quarter and final grades.

### **POLICY ON "TARDINESS":**

It is very important that you make every effort to be in class on time everyday. Not only will you miss part of the class if you are late, but you will disturb others as you enter.

### **RULES FOR TARDINESS:**

1. It is your responsibility to bring a pass if you are tardy to class.
2. Your teacher will determine procedures for unexcused tardiness.
3. The student is reminded that participation and effort are considered a vital part of the final grade. Chronic tardiness to class

will be dealt with according to school policy.

### **EXTRA HELP:**

The testing day for Social Studies is Tuesday, and the regular help day is MONDAY. When necessary, other arrangements will be made.

### **PLAGIARISM STATEMENT:**

**Plagiarism** is defined as presenting the thoughts, writings, and ideas of other people as your own.

Integrity of the academic process requires that credit be given where credit is due.

Accordingly, it is unethical to present as one's own work, the ideas, representations, or words of another or to permit another to present one's own work without customary and proper acknowledgment of sources.

