

**GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL  
COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET**

**SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

**COURSE: SOCIAL  
STUDIES 9R GLOBAL  
HISTORY AND  
GEOGRAPHY I**

The objective of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to gain knowledge of the Non-Western World. From this knowledge students will, it is believed, develop cultural empathy - understanding of cultures other than their own, in their proper physical, historical and cultural setting.

To meet this objective, students will:

- Critically examine these major areas of the Non-Western World: Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, India, China, Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia.
- Study the rise of various social studies disciplines (history, geography, economics, anthropology, and sociology, religion, philosophy, government)
- Build skills (oral and written analyses; reading and interpreting of maps, charts, graphs; note-taking; library research techniques).

TEXTS:     World History: Patterns of Interaction, McDougal Littell, 2008

TESTING:   1) There will be an exam after each unit of study. 2) Quizzes will be given frequently both announced and unannounced.

GRADE:     A student's grade in this course will be based on several factors:  
1) participation in class, 2) homework, 3) long-term assignments,  
4) 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, every day. When 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 address of someone in your class in order to inquire about work missed during your absence. If a quiz occurs on the day that 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 "TARDIES"

It is very important that you make every effort to be in class on time every day. 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 tardies.
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 Social Studies testing day 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.