

Social Studies
New Ross Consolidated School
~ Course Outline ~
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Welcome to Grade 7/8 Social Studies!

Our theme for the year is Empowerment.

There are five key themes that make up the course:

- Economic Empowerment
- Political Empowerment
- Cultural Empowerment
- Societal Empowerment
- National Empowerment

Many issues will be examined that will encourage students to ask questions and to search for data to help answer them. Students are expected to be on time for class and to bring the appropriate materials (binder, pens, text, homework assignments, etc.) to class. There is a textbook for this course, *Changing Your World*, which students will receive at the beginning of the year and returned in the same condition in June. A great deal of research will also be part of our learning; students must bring their device to class regularly.

Materials Required:

Students will need pens, pencils, coloured pencils, a binder/duotang and loose-leaf.

Expectations:

Student participation is an essential part of this course. All students are encouraged to participate in class discussions and to respect the opinions of others. A mature attitude and a consistent effort are expected. Extra help is available upon student request. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns with me.

Students are responsible for missed work and missed assignments. If a student misses a test, they will be expected to write it the next day that they are present in Social Studies class. If a student is aware of a planned absence on the date of a test, he or she should inform me prior to the date.

Assessment:

Student assessment will include in-class assignments, case studies, quizzes and tests, with a focus on individual and group projects.

Parents/Guardians:

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. It is my hope that the continued communication and support of all will result in the best possible outcomes regarding your child's education. Parents are welcome to call me at New Ross Consolidated School or email me (nicoleclarke@nlesd.ca) to discuss your son/daughter's progress.