

Social Studies Course Outline

Teacher: Ms. Doran (email sdoran@trsd.ca)
Course Length: Full Year (September – June)

Required Materials (every day):

- pencil/pen
- eraser
- notebook or looseleaf
- binder
- colouring utensils

Expectations:

Students are expected to come to class on time with their materials. Unless otherwise instructed, personal devices are not to be used or visible (music as an exception, with teacher permission). As students will be looking at values and customs of countries from around the world, they are expected to be open minded and courteous about the beliefs of others. Students will also be expected to be respectful to their peers, and continue to build skills to have beneficial discussions despite differing opinions. Students are always encouraged to ask questions!

Course Overview:

This year's social studies curriculum is called People and Places of the World. There are four main units. The first unit places a focus on world geography. The second looks at global quality of life. The third and fourth units will be completed as guided projects. In the first project (third unit), students will choose a country from Asia, Africa or Australasia to present on. The second project (fourth unit) will let students choose a country from the Americas or Europe.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed in a variety of ways. Marks will come from tests/quizzes, class assignments, projects, and presentations.

Tests/Quizzes: If a student misses a test day, they will be expected to make arrangements to write a make-up test. There will be a zero tolerance policy towards cheating: if a student is caught without question, the student will not be able to finish the test and will have to write an alternate version.

Late Work: once a due date for an assignment arrives, any work not turned in by the end of the day will be marked incomplete unless the student has a valid reason for not turning in the assignment. There will be no penalty in their work mark once it is turned in, but their mark on Maplewood may be inaccurate until the work is turned in. If a student is missing more than 3 unexcused assignments, parents will be contacted.

Presentations: Students will have the choice of media for presentations (e.g., poster board, PowerPoint or more) based on the length of their presentation. Depending on the time of year and comfort level of the student, considerations will be made for students to do a presentation in front of the whole class, small group or teacher.