

# Social Studies 10

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## Course Description

In Social Studies, it is our hope that students learn more about themselves, each other, and the world in which we live. In this course, students will focus on developing critical thinking skills and come to know how Canada has been influenced by conflict, political decisions, ideology, societal changes, history, and geography. Students will be successful in this course when they can conduct effective inquiry and research, and demonstrate competency with the skills focused on in the new curriculum. Through their participation in Social Studies students are encouraged to:

- Understand their roles, rights, and responsibilities within Canada and the world
- Develop an appreciation for democracy and what it means to be Canadian
- Demonstrate respect for human equality and cultural diversity
- Think critically, evaluate information, and practice effective communication.

## Course Overview

Social Studies 10 surveys Canada's development and role in the 20th century through 4 Big Ideas:

- Global and regional conflicts have been a powerful force in shaping our contemporary world and identities.
- The development of political institutions is influenced by economic, social, ideological, and geographic factors.
- Worldviews lead to different perspectives and ideas about developments in Canadian society.
- Historical and contemporary injustices challenge the narrative and identity of Canada as an inclusive, multicultural society.

## Evaluation Guideline

- Projects/Assignments: 45%
- Tests/Quizzes: 15%
- Midterm Exam: 20%
- Final Exam: 20%

**Note:** Grade weightings are subject to change.

## Class Rules and Expectations

1. Come on time! If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will be marked absent!
2. Bring a notebook and pen and any other basic school supplies to every class. There is no excuse for coming to class unprepared!
3. Do not use your phones in class unless I say you can! If I permit you to use your phones, that is strictly for class work, which means translation, research or group work. This does not mean snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, QQ, or any other social media!
4. If I see your phones out when they're not supposed to be, I will take them away. If I take your phone away more than three times, they will stay with me for an entire day.
5. Assignments have due dates! If you hand in your work late, I will deduct 10 percent from your grade for every day that you are late. If you have a good reason for handing things in late, such as illness or an emergency, I will need either a doctor's note or an email from a parent/guardian.
6. Plagiarism is not tolerated under any circumstance. If you copy from your classmates, your assignment/exam will be cancelled, and you will be given a 0.
7. Attendance is important! If you are sick, please send me an email. If you are missing a class for another reason, please come talk to me in advance. Serious illnesses which cause you to miss more than two classes will require a doctor's note.