

## GRADING AND REPORTING IN SOCIAL STUDIES 2008-2009

### TYPES OF ASSIGNMENTS

Homework for Practice and/or Preparation	Summative Assessments	Formative Assessments
* Teacher will provide feedback as a learning skill	* Teacher will provide feedback and will be graded.	* Teacher will provide feedback and will be graded.
* Will be reported as a learning skill (assignment completion)	* Will be included in grade to indicate mastery of course objectives.	* Will be included in grade to indicate mastery of course objectives.
* Includes class work and homework that is being introduced and practiced. Practice homework may count up to 10% of course grade.	* Includes unit assessments, tests, projects and some writing assignments	* Includes homework to evaluate learning, class work, quizzes, some writing assignments and individual work on group assignments.
* Practice homework will comprise 10% of the course grade. (Clarification: At the teacher's discretion, practice homework will receive a grade of 100%, 50% or zero.)	* Summative assessments will comprise 40% of the course grade.	* Formative assessments will comprise 50% of the course grade.

Homework: All homework will be related to the curriculum. There are two categories of homework: for practice and evaluation for learning. Homework for practice will be checked to see that it was completed and will count 10% of the final grade. Then, homework for practice will be reviewed in class so that students can make corrections to their papers. In this case, the due date and deadline will be the same, and this homework cannot be reassessed. Homework for Practice will be scored on a scale of 100%, 50%, 0, (i.e. on a 10-point assignment; 10, completely finished or a good faith attempt with more than half completed; 5, half completed; or 0, less than half completed).

Homework evaluated for learning will be checked for understanding and will count as part of the category of Formative Assessments in the final grade. There will be occasions when most students finish a class assignment during class, but a few students need extra time at home to finish the

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assignment. These assignments will be recorded in the assignment book but will be graded as class work, not homework.

Assignments will be weighted by their importance, i.e. a test or project will count more points than a one period class assignment. Individual assessments, including tests, projects and extended writing assignments, may not count more than 100 points each. Individual class work assignments may not count for more than 30 points each. Individual homework assignments may not count for more than 20 points each. By the end of the quarter, there will be a minimum of 3 assignments in each category.

**Overall Grades:** Grades will reflect individual achievement of MCPS Content Standards for each marking period. Grades will also reflect teacher use of a variety of assessment measures. Graded work will be scored as follows:

100-90%	A
89-80%	B
79-70%	C
69-60%	D
59-50%	E
0%	No attempt or past deadline, may not redo

**Minimal Standard:** Teacher decides what constitutes minimal standard for each individual student. If a student completes 50% of the assignment (1/2 of the questions answered) the lowest grade earned will be 50% on the assignment. If less than 50% is attempted by the student, the teacher will ask the student to finish the incomplete assignment and turn it in for a late grade by the deadline. If the student fails to turn in the assignment by the deadline, the assignment will be recorded as a **zero**. (See below)

**Excused, Late and Missing Work:** If a student is **excused** from an assignment at the discretion of the teacher, a grade of an **X** will be recorded. An **excused** grade will not affect the student's average. Each assignment will have a **due date**. This is the date that it is expected students will submit the assignment. A student's grade will drop one letter grade if the assignment is not turned in on the due date. A grade of a **Z** will indicate that the assignment was not turned in by the due date. Work with the grade of a **Z** can be turned in until the deadline. If the student fails to turn in the assignment by the deadline, the assignment will be recorded as a **zero (0)**. After a zero is recorded, the student can no longer make up the work for

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credit. The **deadline** is the last day an assignment will be accepted for a grade. The usual deadline for assignments will be three school days after the due date. After the deadline has passed, a grade of a **Z** will be changed to **0**. Rarely, the due date and deadline for an assignment will be the same. An example of the due date and deadline being the same could be when a study guide is assigned immediately prior to an assessment. When adjustments of this nature occur, the teacher will inform the students of the change and the rationale behind it. After work has been graded and returned by the teacher or has been tested on an assessment, it may not be accepted for a grade but will receive feedback. Work that is not turned in by the deadline will be considered **missing**. Missing work will be recorded as a **zero (0)**.

Revision of Student Work: (Re-teaching/Reassessment) Assignments may be re-taught and reassessed until the end of the lesson sequence. Teachers will state in advance which assignments can be reassessed. Revised work will be accepted until the summative assessment is given. Students must seek clarification from the teacher when revising work. The original student work, along with teacher comments and/or the rubric must accompany revised work in order to be graded. Most evaluations for learning may be taken a second time; however, the second score will replace the first. The student is responsible for any re-teaching that the teacher assigns before being reassessed. Students seeking additional assistance are welcome to make an appointment for assistance during TAP, lunch, or after school. Students will receive only one opportunity to redo an assignment or quiz. Students may choose to reassess part or all of an assignment. Homework for practice, unit assessments, projects, and other summative assessments cannot be retaken.

Extra Credit: There will be no extra credit.

Communication: Edline, Progress Reports, Interims, Report Cards, Student Conferences, Parent Conferences, Phone Calls and emails to parents, Each assignment will indicate at the top of the page whether or not it may be reassessed.