

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
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COURSE OUTLINE
SUBJECT: Social Studies 9

CURRICULUM ORGANIZERS AND GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will demonstrate an understanding of:

- The similarities and differences within and across cultures over time, and on the organization and evolution of societies.
- Develop a basic understanding of political and legal structures and processes, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and an appreciation of the role of participation and of the social purpose of laws in a variety of societies.
- Develop a basic understanding of economic concepts and systems and explore the impact of technological innovation.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Socials 9 is a comprehensive study of the major events of Europe and North America from 1500 to 1815.

RESOURCE MATERIALS:

- Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations – Michael Cranny

STUDENT LEARNING – ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIES:

- individual and group seat work
- oral presentations
- research projects
- poster projects

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION:

The following assessment strategies will be used:

- summative evaluation
- formative evaluation
- criterion reference evaluation

MARKS ASSIGNMENT:

- 35% daily assignments /written work
- 30% research projects/collaborative group work
- 35% unit tests and quizzes
- Numbers are approximate and vary from year to year

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- Students must submit all necessary assignments and tests in order to complete the course successfully.
- Students will be penalized for late assignments, unless previous arrangements with teachers have been made.

CRITERIA FOR YEAR-END TOP STUDENT/S PER GRADE

The Social Studies Department uses a combination of the following criteria to choose the top student/s in each course:

- a) **percentage per term**
- b) **participation in / contribution to the class**
- c) **citizenship among peers in class**
- d) **attendance in all classes**

All of the above criteria are considered important attributes, and top students will have to demonstrate a high degree of competency in each throughout the entire school year.