

2nd Quarter 8th Grade Social Studies

Second quarter is going to be an exciting time in our social studies class! During first quarter, students learned about citizenship, the Constitution and the legislative branch of our federal government. Our main focus during this quarter will be on the executive branch, the judicial branch and amendments to our Constitution. This will include analyzing historical documents, creating political parties, mock elections and mock trials. Our team's second quarter STEAM theme is investigation & resolution. We will be creating a CSI investigation with a culminating trial in social studies at the end of the quarter. This quarter's content is essential to understand the framework of the world around us. By the end of this quarter I hope my students will have a better understanding of how their country works and their place as citizens within it.

Week 1

1. Executive Branch
2. Elections
3. Political Parties

Week 2

1. Mock Elections

Week 3

1. Bill of Rights
2. Amendments

Week 4

1. Amendments-In Depth Analysis

Week 5

1. Amendments-Creative Projects

Week 6

1. Judicial Branch

Week 7

1. Judicial Branch
2. CSI STEAM Project

Week 8

1. CSI STEAM Project

Week 9

1. Midterm Essay
2. Finals Week

2nd Quarter Projects will include but are not limited to:

1. Amendments research projects
2. Amendments creative projects
3. Mock Elections
4. Political Campaign Simulation
5. CSI STEAM Project with mock court proceedings

2nd Quarter Assessments will include but are not limited to:

1. Unit quizzes
2. Unit tests
3. Homework
4. Class activities & bell work
4. Projects
5. Questioning
6. Discussions
7. Midterm Essay

Parental Volunteer Opportunities

1. If any parents, family members or family friends have information they would like to share with the class regarding any of the topics we will be covering this quarter, I urge you to contact me. If you are related to anyone involved in the content, possess artifacts, know valuable information to share, work for the federal government, etc., I

would love for you to share it with my students!

2. During research projects, it is always helpful to have extra adults to help supervise and support the research process in the computer lab and library.

3. Our mock congress should be a fun learning experience and I welcome you to come be part of it.

4. As always, any time is a good time to visit our classroom and help with the day to day activities or just observe and say hi!