

Skill Levels – Middle School Social Studies – Mr. Jones

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies SQ3R, SKWRL, Historical Frame, and Oracle with instructor’s guidance. Reads or gives the convincing appearance of such in class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies SQ3R, SKWRL, Historical Frame, and Oracle independently. Reads or gives the convincing appearance of such in class. 	<p>Applies specific pre-reading and study strategies to chapter section (3-5 pages) <i>independently</i> and passes multiple-choice quiz of 10 questions (one free question wrong for first ½ of year) without knowing questions in advance. <i>One lecture and activity are provided on each chapter section in addition to this independent reading.</i> Time in class will be given periodically for reading, but this may include student selected pre-reading and study strategies.</p>
Monthly Examination	Exams are mostly multiple-choice with some short response.	Exams come to include few multiple-choice questions in favor of mostly short response and constructed response for historical documents.	Exams are all short answer. Sample questions are distributed in advance, often without identifying which will be chosen for the exam. Exams may offer some choice.
Essay	Essay topic is given a week in advance with some overview, but students prepare this independently by learning the material to write in essay in class without notes.	Essay topic is given a week in advance with some overview, but students prepare this independently by learning the material to write in essay in class without notes.	More than one essay topic may sometimes be distributed in advance. Students prepare both not knowing which will be chosen on essay day.
Research	<p>Guided by teacher in class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge credibility of source Select appropriate source Database searching techniques Cite source in MLA 	<p>Independently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge credibility of source Select appropriate source Database searching techniques Cite source in MLA 	Independently conduct research and integrate into an essay.
Public Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate – discussion style – research mostly from textbook Oral Report - 2 or 5 minutes including class activity or visual aid and developing public speaking skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate supported by research, some outside of class lessons Mock Trial Oral Report - 2 or 5 minutes including class activity or visual aid and developing public speaking skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate supported by research, some outside of class lessons Mock Trial Use historical data to support conclusion in position paper or persuasive essay Oral Report - 2 or 5 minutes including class activity or visual aid and developing public speaking skills.