**Social Studies 9**

This course is designed with the intention of exploring all aspects of Canadian identity.  We will cover topics including culture, geography, politics, immigration, world issues, and history.  This course includes many projects and hands-on activities.  Students will have at least an hour of work to complete during their at-home learning days.

**Materials for school**:  binder with lined paper and a pen

**Materials for home learning:**Access to a computer at home, pencil crayons, scissors, glue, and other art supplies may be needed for projects to be done at home

  Tentative mark breakdown

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| Terms 1 and 2 = 70% | Quizzes and Tests 30% |
| Projects  30% |
| Homework  40% |
| Final  30% | Final exam |

Absenteeism and marks

A legitimate absence is for school related activities, illness or bereavement.

 Group marks

Group marks will be earned based on your days present and working with your team.  For example, if a project takes ten class days to complete and the group receives a mark of 80%; but you were only there for 5 days you would receive a 40%.  Even if you have a legitimate reason for being absent the expectation is that you will make up for the time you missed by contributing to the group from home or working during study block when you are able.  Alternatively, if you know you are going to be absent you may choose to work alone if the teacher gives you that option.

 BLMS late assignment policy:

-    To get full marks, assignments need to be handed in by the assigned due date.

-    For every date late, after the assignment due date, 10% will be deducted from the mark (up to a maximum of 40%).  Weekends count as one day.

-    If a student is absent on a due date, a written excuse from a parent or guardian must be presented upon the student’s return, or the late-day deductions will apply.

-    A student’s mark cannot be lower than 60% given that the student deserves a passing grade on the assignment to begin with.  Any work getting a mark of less than 60% will receive that grade.

-    In order to be graded, all work must be handed in no later than 2 weeks after the given due date of the assignment.  Term marks are final.

**In-class project marks/eco-points/shop/co-op marks**

You will be marked based on the number of days that you are present and participating in class.  If, for example, you earn a shop mark of 70% and you were there 90% of the time your mark would be 63%.

**Extra help**is available at lunch upon request Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.