

The 'Elite 8' Ways to Succeed in Social Studies

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1. **Attendance:** The number one indicator about potential success in school is your attendance. In order to learn you need to be in school. The amount of material and content you are exposed to in high school is enormous. As you progress throughout the grades levels the content and skill level will grow as well. We can't teach those who are not here. If you are in my first period every time you oversleep, or walk in 10-20 minutes late you are losing an opportunity to learn.
2. **Enrichment Activities:** How many Enrichment Activities assignments have you missed? When you complete your Enrichment Checks are you doing them for the grade or are you taking good notes? Do you READ the chapter or just skim?
3. **Note-taking:** In class I should not say '*Jot this down*', or '*Highlight this*' twenty times in a class to get you to take notes. As a High School Student you need to develop quality classroom habits in order to succeed at the next level and the 'real' world.
4. **Organization:** How do you recall your nightly and weekly assignments, tests, and notebooks? Do you Use Your Agenda on a daily basis? Remember to check the KW website to look at Mr. Meetze's Assignment Page?
5. **Study:** Do you study? If so what is your strategy? One of the best ways to study is to talk out loud to review. Not only are you thinking the answer, you are hearing the content as well. Other ideas include flashcards, partner review, and creating study guides.
6. **Test Taking:** On tests, do you read the question completely? You may have written information down but did you answer the question and follow the directions? Students miss too many points this way. Don't rush and re-read your answers. When writing at the end of all sentences can you ask a question (who, what, where, when, why, how)? If so you didn't answer the question with enough depth to tell the story
7. **Verbal Reviews:** Do you take advantage of *Verbal Quiz* time? Within your group does your partner do all of the work? Are you the one who is always off task?
8. **Writing:** Have you followed all of '*Meetze's Rules of Writing*' on all assignments? Writing is a skill and takes a lot of practice, the more you do the better off you will be. 50% of the final is based on writing. In college you will write 10-15 page papers monthly as well as full period essay tests.

Bottom Line: There is no Secret to Success in school. If you do your Job you will succeed. Make a change today that will be with you for the rest of your life.

“A Goal With Out a Plan is NOT a Goal...Rather it is a Wish”

Only you can make or break your Goals.

Don't let anyone stand in your way including yourself.