



Georgia Studies with Mrs. West



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Hello Parents/Guardians!

It's hard to believe, but the end of the first semester is fast approaching. Since the start of the school year we have covered so much. We have learned about Georgia's geography, the founding of our great state, Georgia's role in the American Revolution, and eventual statehood. In the coming weeks we will be learning about the state's three branches of government, the rights and responsibilities of Georgia citizens, as well as the structure and role of local city and county governments.

After the semester break we will be taking a field trip to the Atlanta History Center on Friday, January 30, 2015. During the field trip we will be touring the museum and participating in a special tour of the plantation farm. Before returning to school we will stop for lunch at the CNN Center. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 and includes a t-shirt.

Please visit my website for updated information, nightly homework, and helpful websites. Also, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. It is a privilege to be your child's social studies teacher this year.

Cordially,
Mrs. Kim West



SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE AND EMAIL ALERTS FROM MRS. WEST!

To join, send a text to
(615) 601-0396 ?

With the message
@mrswestss ?

Students and parents can choose to receive messages via email. Have them send a blank email to:
mrswestss@mail.remind.com

Interesting Georgia Fact!

Georgia has 159 counties, more than any other state east of the Mississippi.

Important Upcoming Dates

National History Day Research Sources & Notes are due: Friday, November 14, 2014

CMS Title I Parent University, 5:30-6:30 PM, Topic: The Magic of Math: Thursday, November 20, 2014

National History Day Process Paper Rough Draft is due: Friday, November 21, 2014

Thanksgiving Break: Monday, November 24 – Friday, November 28, 2014

Semester Final Exam: Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Semester Break: Monday, December 22, 2014 – Monday, January 5, 2015

Atlanta History Center Field Trip: Friday, January 30, 2015, Cost: \$15.00

Please support our class and spread the word!



The screenshot shows the DonorsChoose.org interface. At the top, it says "Support Mrs. West's Classroom" with a heart icon. Below that, it lists "Conyers Middle School in Conyers, GA | 8th grade | Highest Poverty". There is a "Share" button. A description reads: "Your support provides opportunities for my students to thrive in an academic environment that is challenging, engaging, and supportive. Thank you for helping me to help my students to reach their full potential each and every day!". Below the description is a "Give" button and a "Support Mrs. West's students. Give to a project today!" link. A second project request is visible below, titled "Social Studies. It's More Than Dates and Dead People." with a "Give" button and a "\$992 to go" indicator.

I have submitted a project on DonorsChoose.org to request 3 Chromebooks to be used in our classroom. The Chromebooks will be used in learning stations and to provide individual student lesson interventions. **We have until December 1st to obtain funding for the project.** Please visit www.donorschoose.org/mrskimwest or my website for more information. This is a great learning opportunity for the students. Thank you for your support!

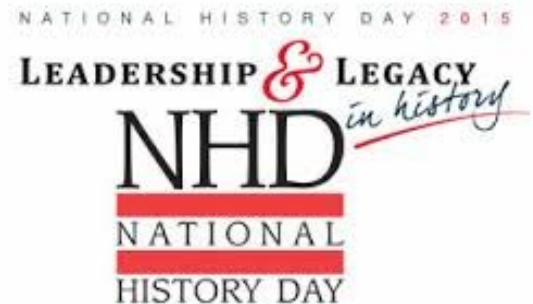


National History Day 2015

This year the students will be completing a social studies based research project. The project focuses on the National History Day 2015 theme of Leadership & Legacy in History. The students have been working on their projects in class, but the majority of the project will be completed at home. Students have the opportunity to advance to the regional National History Day competition on March 7, 2015. Students chosen at the regional competition will move on to the state competition and possible national competition. The National History Day competition will be held in June at the University of Maryland.

Please review the timeline for project deadlines. Deadline dates are subject to change. This is a graded project and students will be graded based upon different portions of the project that are due on the assigned dates.

Students can receive help with their National History Day project afterschool on Wednesday, November 12 and Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Students must have returned the permission slip to stay after school. Unfortunately, transportation is not available.



Project Timeline

Project Brainstorming Page

Friday, Oct. 17, 2014

Final Project Topic Page

Friday, Oct. 24, 2014

Project Research Sources

Friday, Nov. 14, 2014

Process Paper Rough Draft

Friday, Nov. 21, 2014

Final Project Due

Monday, Dec. 1, 2014

Regional National History Day Competition

Saturday, Mar. 7, 2014

National History Day Competition

June 14-18, 2015

Earn a Free Homework Pass!

Share this newsletter with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and complete the section below to earn a free homework pass! This section must be completed and returned by this Friday, November 14, 2014 to receive the homework pass.

Question: On what date are the project research sources due? _____

Student Name: _____ **Class Period:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____ **Best Contact Phone #:** _____

Question, Concerns, or Comments: _____

National History Day Afterschool Help Permission Slip

My child has permission to stay afterschool on the date(s) and time(s) listed below to receive additional help with their National History Day project. Students must be picked up at 5:15 PM in the car rider lane in the front of the school; transportation home will not be provided. Students who are not picked up on time may lose the opportunity to stay afterschool for help with the National History Day project.

Please select the date(s) your child will be staying afterschool:

_____ Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 4:15-5:15 PM

_____ Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 4:15-5:15 PM

Student Name: _____ **Class Period:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Best Contact Phone #: _____