



August 2017

# Parent Letter

## Welcome to Social Studies Class

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased and excited to have your son/daughter in our South Carolina history class this year. Together we will explore South Carolina and America's rich heritage. This letter is to inform you of our expectations for this academic year.

### Classroom Procedures:

*In order to promote a positive and successful learning environment, certain procedures must be followed by each student. Students are expected to:*

1. Enter quietly, be seated, and ready to work when the bell rings.
2. Come to class prepared with pen/pencil, notebook, textbook, and homework.
3. Pay attention and participate in classroom activities.
4. Be respectful of self and others.
5. Exhibit appropriate classroom behavior at all times.
6. Bring no food or candy into class.
7. Follow all school rules.



### Contacts:

Please visit my website for homework, syllabus, and other valuable information on my school website.

To arrange a conference, please call the school counselor (355-5600) to make an appointment or leave a message for me. You can also reach one of the social studies teachers at the school e-mail address:

NLeonard@greenville.k12.sc.us or CTitus@greenville.k12.sc.us. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year!

*"Education=Making Children Count"*

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### Wish List

If you are willing to provide any classroom supplies, it would be greatly appreciated!  
These are things I usually need: mechanical pencils, tissue, paper towels, baby wipes (unscented), hand sanitizer  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Materials

#### Needed:

- 3-ring binder (at least 1 inch) with at least 3 dividers
- Black or blue pen
- Red Pen
- Pencil
- Notebook paper
- Social Studies textbook (issued)
- book cover
- Colored pencils

### Grading

Grades are based upon tests, quizzes, projects, classwork, and homework. Tests/ major projects will be 50% of grade. All other grades (homework, classwork, quizzes, etc.) will count 50%. Homework will make up no more than 10%. Quizzes will be given frequently to assess understanding of material.

Please sign below, detach, and send back to school by the student. Please include your

I acknowledge that I have read the letter covering class expectations for **Mr. Leonard's** and **Mr. Titus'** South Carolina History class and that I have discussed this letter with my child.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ X\_\_\_\_\_ (Student signature)

X\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent signature)

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Dear Parents,

Throughout the school year, the social studies team shows videos to reinforce or supplement the educational experience of your child. As required by district policy, I am requesting permission for your child to watch these movies/television programs in my classroom. These movies/television programs tie in with the lesson content we are studying. The movies/programs I **may** show are listed below:

• <i>National Treasure</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.2
• <i>National treasure: Book of Secrets</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.4
• <i>The True Patriots Featurette</i> (from the movie <i>The Patriot</i> )	No Rating	Standard 8.2
• <i>Glory</i> (Educational Version)	No Rating	Standard 8.4
• <i>5 minute clip from 13 Days</i> (about Greenville's Rudolf Anderson's flight during the Cuban Missile Crisis)	Rated PG 13	Standard 8.7
• <i>Island of Hope Island of Tears</i>	No Rating	Standard 8.6
• <i>Where History Lives</i>	No Rating	Standard 8.3
• <i>Aerial America - South Carolina</i>	No Rating	All standards
• <i>Separate But Equal</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.7
• <i>The Butler</i>	Rated PG 13	Standard 8.7
• <i>Killing Lincoln</i>	No Rating	Standard 8.4
• <i>Mysteries at the Museum - South Carolina related clips</i>	No Rating	All standards
• <i>America The Story of Us - All Episodes</i>	No Rating	All standards
• <i>Mankind The story of All of Us - Inventors, Pioneers, Speed, New Frontiers episodes</i>	No Rating	All standards
• <i>National Geographic: Lewis &amp; Clark</i>	General Audiences	All standards
• <i>Night at the Museum</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.2
• <i>Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.2 & 8.4
• <i>The Blind Side</i>	Rated PG 13	Standard 8.7
• <i>Remember the Titans</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.7
• <i>Apollo 13</i>	Rated PG	Standard 8.7

All other videos used in the classroom come from District approved resources.

There may be times throughout the year that a video or video clip that is not listed will be shown in class. I give the teacher(s) permission to show No Rating, PG and PG-13 movies to my child in his/her classroom.

Please sign the form below and return it to school with your child. Alternate assignments will be provided for students if permission is not granted to view the movie/television show. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Team  
Neal Leonard & Charles Titus



**Please complete the form below and return it to Mr. Leonard's or Mr. Titus' class by the required due date.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my child permission to view the movie(s)/television show(s) above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give my child permission to view the movie(s)/television shows(s) above. Please provide

\_\_\_\_\_ an alternate assignment.