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**8th Grade Syllabus 2018-2019**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**  
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**Course Description: (Text – The American Journey (McGraw Hill, 2009))**

Understanding the country, which is our home, is a critical part of becoming a productive member of society. Without a solid foundation in the history of the United States, key events in our rise, and comprehension of the dynamics that have made us what we are, students will not be able to fully understand nor appreciate our unique position in the world and the direction of our future.

**First Quarter**

**Unit 1**

Civil War and Reconstruction  
-Causes of the Civil War  
-Reconstruction and the New South

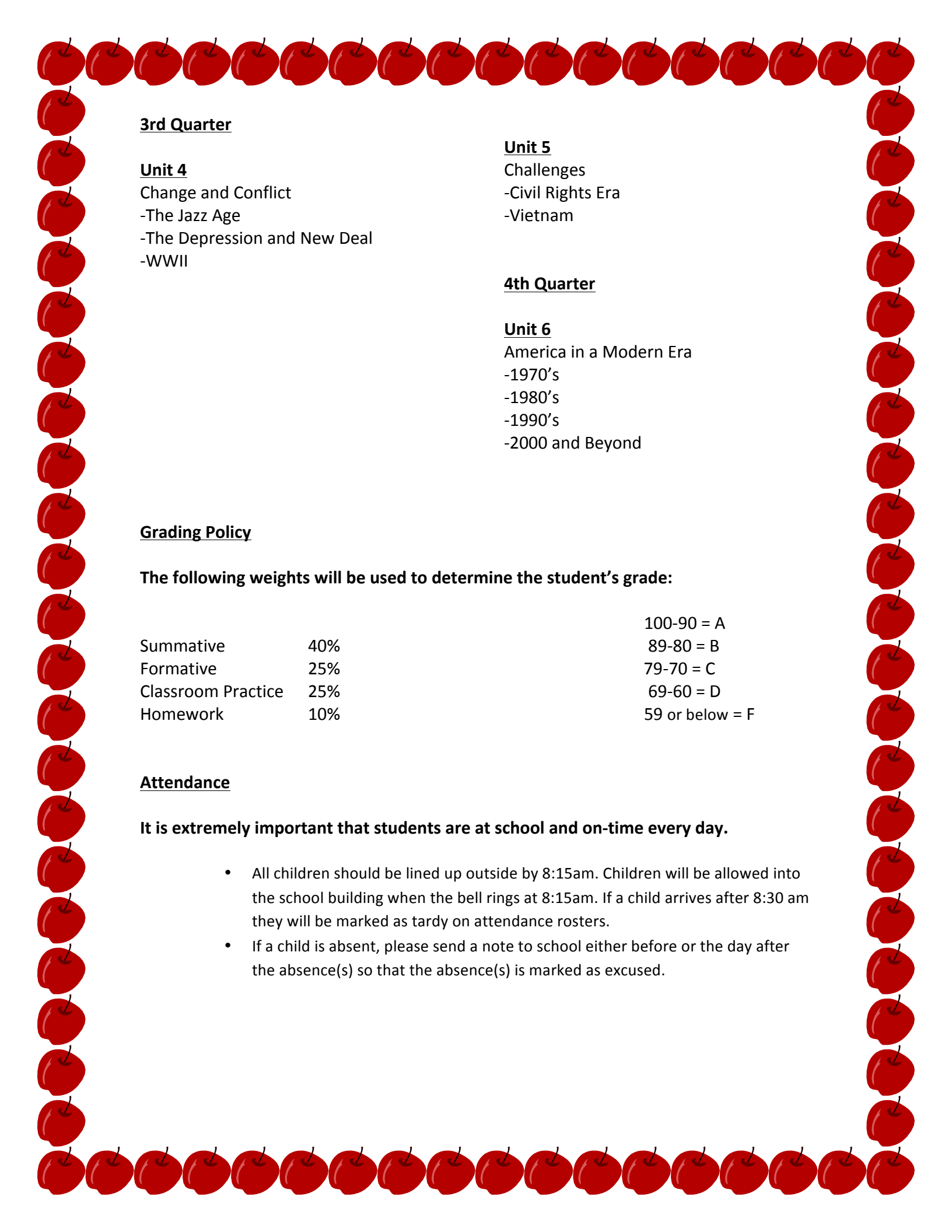
**Unit 2**

What is History?  
-Politics  
-Industrial Age

**2nd Quarter**

**Unit 3**

Reform and Empire  
-The Progressive Era  
-Rise to World Power  
-World War I



**3rd Quarter**

**Unit 4**

Change and Conflict  
-The Jazz Age  
-The Depression and New Deal  
-WWII

**Unit 5**

Challenges  
-Civil Rights Era  
-Vietnam

**4th Quarter**

**Unit 6**

America in a Modern Era  
-1970's  
-1980's  
-1990's  
-2000 and Beyond

**Grading Policy**

**The following weights will be used to determine the student's grade:**

Summative	40%	100-90 = A
Formative	25%	89-80 = B
Classroom Practice	25%	79-70 = C
Homework	10%	69-60 = D
		59 or below = F

**Attendance**

**It is extremely important that students are at school and on-time every day.**

- All children should be lined up outside by 8:15am. Children will be allowed into the school building when the bell rings at 8:15am. If a child arrives after 8:30 am they will be marked as tardy on attendance rosters.
- If a child is absent, please send a note to school either before or the day after the absence(s) so that the absence(s) is marked as excused.