

Kemper Academy

8th Grade Mississippi Studies

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Course Objective: Mississippi Studies is a one semester course designed to foster appreciation for the state, its history, and its culture. The content will include the geographic, historic, economic, political, and social events that have contributed to the state 's development. The course traces Mississippi 's economic transition from agriculture to industry and its effort to expand participation of all its citizens in the political process. The course includes the study of the diverse contributions of the citizens of the state. Additionally, civic concepts should be developed to encourage active participation in the political process of the state and nation.

Listing of the course material to be covered:

First Semester	Second Semester
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Geography of Mississippi2. Native Mississippians3. The European Period4. From Territory to Early Statehood5. Antebellum Mississippi6. Civil War and the Reconstruction7. The Bourbon Era8. Revolt of the Rednecks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Conflict and Change10. The Civil Rights Movement11. Modern Mississippi12. Mississippi In the Global Village13. Federal or State Government14. Local Government and Citizenship15. Mississippi's Literary Tradition16. Performing and Visual Artists and Sports Heroes

Supplies Required:

- 2 inch three-ring binder
- 1 pack of wide ruled notebook paper to be left in class.
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- Pack of number 2 pencils
- 2 packs of dividers

The supply list is available on <https://www.teacherlists.com>. Under the Parent tab, click on "Find a List". Enter "39328" as the zip. Click on Kemper Academy school. Items from the list can be immediately added to an Amazon cart making school supply shopping quick and easy!

iGrade:

All parents will have access to the parent portal in our schools grading system, **iGrade**. In order to take advantage of this parent portal, a valid email address must be on file. Parents are able to view assignments and grades as they are entered into the system. Please note that each teacher reserves the right to alter grades as necessary once posted. Parents are more than welcome - and encouraged! - to contact the school office to set-up a parent/teacher conference at any point during the school year.

Grading Scale:

Each student's final grade is determined as follows:

- Fall Semester Grade: 50%
 - 50% First Nine Weeks, 50% Second Nine Weeks
- Spring Semester Grade: 50%
 - 50% Third Nine Weeks, 50% Fourth Nine Weeks

Each student's Nine-Week grade is determined as follows:

- Daily participation: 15%
- Graded homework: 15%
- Subject quizzes: 50%
- Nine-week test: 20%