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social studies 8 honours portfolio checklist

To keep track of the progress of your honours portfolio check off the tasks as you complete them. You will need to complete 2 skills based tasks, 1 experience or activity based task, and 1 global citizen task. Be sure to hang on to this checklist to attach to your final submission.

Skills Based Tasks (Select 2 tasks from the list below)

These tasks are indented to highlight the skills you have acquired in your social studies classes.

Task	Description	Completed
My Best Work	Include one piece of work you completed in Socials that you feel most proud of or you feel best demonstrates your abilities. Include a one page write up explaining why you selected this piece.	
Writing about History	One piece of writing (essay or paragraph) that relates to one of the topics you will study this year. Cannot be an assignment you already completed in class.	
Primary Source Discovery	Research a primary source document relating to one of the topics you will study this year and write a one page analysis of the primary source. Your analysis should include a copy of the primary source.	
Be the Teacher	Lead the class through an interactive lesson that you developed on a topic relating to the course. Ensure that you arrange ahead of time with your teacher to approve your topic and set the date of your lesson.	
Historical Fiction Book Review	Read a novel (or a non-fiction book) related to the course and write a detailed summary of the book. Your book choice must be approved by your teacher so be sure to check before you begin!	
Social Studies Challenge	Participate in a social studies contest - see your teacher to find out details about upcoming social studies contests	
Current Events	Choose a major international or national news story from the current school year and write a 1-2 page report outlining the event, how the event has been covered in the news, and your own personal opinion on the event	
Making Connections	Create a visual representation of the connections between one of the topics you will learn about this year and three present day issues facing the world. Explain your connections in a summary paragraph.	
Health and Wellness	Research the history of health and wellness in ancient societies and create a lesson for the class outlining your research. Your lesson should include a discussion of health and wellness issues relating to your ancient society.	
Free Choice	If you have an idea for a project not listed here, please discuss it with your teacher and get approval before moving forward with your idea.	

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Experiences and Activities (Select 1 task from the list below)

These tasks provide you with the opportunity to reflect on your experiences and understandings of historical places and events.

Activity	Description	Completed
Class Field Trip Evaluation	Write a one page report of your experience on a field trip with your social studies class.	
Vancouver Archives	Visit the Vancouver Archives (near the Planetarium in Vancouver) and write a one page report of your experience there. You must attach an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit.	
Planetarium	Visit the Planetarium in Vancouver and write a one page report of your experience there. You must attach an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit.	
Maritime Museum	Visit the Maritime Museum in Vancouver and write a one page report of your experience there. You must attach an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit.	
Religious Building	Visit a place of worship other than your own and write a one page report of your experience there. If allowed, take a photograph to include with your write up.	
Burnaby Village Museum	Visit the Burnaby Village Museum and write a one page report of your experience there. You must attach an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit.	
Bill Reid Museum	Visit the Bill Reid Museum and write a one page report of your experience there. You must include an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit.	
Francophone/ Maillardville Festival du Bois	Visit the Francophone/Maillardville Festival du Bois and write a one page report of your experience there. You must include an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit.	
Spring Break Tour	Participate in one of the school's spring break trips and write a one page report of your experiences on the trip. You must include photographs,	
Free Choice	Visit a historic site or museum of your choice and write a one page report of your experience there. You must include an admission receipt or a photograph from your visit. See your teacher to get approval before you go ahead with this task.	

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Global Citizen Tasks (Select 1 task from the list below)

These tasks allow you to develop your role as a citizen of the world and explore issues that are relevant and important to you.

Task	Description	Completed
School Club	Join a club at school and commit to attend all meetings and participate in all events hosted by the club. Write a one page reflection about your involvement in the club. You must include the signature of your club's sponsor teacher on your response.	
Service Hours	Complete 30 hours of service to the school. You must include a photocopy of your service hours form with all signatures from sponsor teachers.	
Campaign for an Issue	Lead a campaign on an issue that is important to you (e.g. homelessness, child poverty, pollution, etc.). You must include pictures and a one page report describing the issue (why is it important?) and your campaign (how did it go?)	
Local Government Meetings	Attend a meeting at city hall or a meeting of the Burnaby School Board and make observations of local government in action! Organize your notes into a one page report of your experience meeting with local officials.	
Interview a Representative	Interview a government official (City Councillor/Mayor, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member of Parliament, etc.) Be sure to record their responses so that you may write a transcript of your interview (a list of your questions and their responses).	
Foreign Correspondent	"Adopt" a child in a foreign country, or find an international pen pal to correspond with. Include copies of letters from your new overseas friend.	
Non-Profit Organizations	Join an international or national non-profit organization such as Free the Children, Ryan's Well, World Wildlife Foundation or Oxfam. Write a one page report of your experiences with the organization.	
Journalist in Training	Write a one page editorial or letter to a newspaper or magazine (print or online newspapers are fine). Be sure to include any responses you receive, as well as a copy of the paper if your letter is printed.	
Conduct a Survey	Demonstrate your understanding of population dynamics by creating a census and collecting responses from your classmates. Write a one page analysis of your data.	
Free Choice	Create a global issues project of your choice - must have teacher approval.	