**Grade Nine Social Studies Course Outline Mr. J. Robinson**

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**The grade nine social studies course is organized around six separate units. Students explore the “Canadian Identity” concept within the context of post-World War I in Canada. It is firmly grounded in the social studies disciplines of geography, history, economics, sociology, and political science. The course begins with a unit designed to provide a basic understanding of identity, both Canadian and personal. Deeper exploration continues with the class looking at Canadian politics, laws, and rights and responsibilities. Finally we focus on topics like various environmental, economic, social, and political challenges.**

**Unit One…Exploring Canadian Identity (Course time 5%)**

* **What does Canada mean to you?**
* **Art, Music, and Literature of Canada**

**Unit Two…Geographic Influences (20%)**

* **Canada’s Physical Geography**
* **Canada’s People**
* **Migration**

**Unit Three…Decades of Change (30%)**

* **Prosperity and Depression**
* **Canada at War**
* **Post-War Technology**
* **Globalization**

**Unit Four…Citizenship (30%)**

* **What is Citizenship**
* **Canadian Government**

**Unit Five…Challenges and Opportunities (10%)**

* **A Changing Economy**
* **Changing Political Relationships**
* **A Changing Society**

**Unit Six…Reflections on Canadian Identity (5%)**

* **Synthesizing the different strands**
* **Canada’s Future**

**Evaluation in this course will be done in a number of ways including homework, tests, projects, group work, and in class assignments. There will also be a notebook mark. It is important for all students to keep an organized binder with all notes, assignments, and handouts included. A final exam will be given worth 25%. Progress reports will be sent home approximately every two weeks to be signed and returned.**

**Students are responsible for all missed work. It is important to stay on task and complete all assigned work in a timely manner. Unlike middle school this is a single semester course. I can be reached at 784-6805 or you can contact me via email at jody.robinson@nbed.nb.ca**