**ENVER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**SOCIAL STUDIES 9 COURSE OUTLINE**

Our world is constantly changing, both now and in our past. Social Studies 9 looks at how Britain and France evolved from feudal societies to modern nation-states and the footprint these two countries left on North America. The course examines how conflict and technological development in these two nations led to democracy, tyranny and empire building.

There are four main themes in this course that can be used to understand this story of change on two continents. These themes are: society and culture, economy and technology, politics, and law and the environment.

COURSE TOPICS: (the order of presentation of topics may vary by teacher)

PART ONE: ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND CONCEPTS

* Analyze and critique primary and secondary sources
* Critical thinking and analysis of current and past events
* Interpreting and understanding point of view and bias
* Demonstrate cooperative learning
* Develop strong and varied communication skills

PART TWO: GEOGRAPHY

* Review of basic map and atlas skills
* Interpret and construct charts, graphs, and tables
* Introduction of the themes of geography
* Geography of Europe
* Regional geography of North America

PART THREE: NATION BUILDING AND CONFLICT IN EUROPE

* Review of Renaissance, Reformation, and the Age of Exploration
* The English Civil War and the beginnings of democracy
* The French Revolution and the rights of citizens
* Napoleon and the growth of nationalism
* The Industrial Revolution and the emergence of the middle class

PART FOUR: DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA AND NORTH AMERICA

* The First Nations of Canada
* Early European exploration and settlements
* British-French conflict in North America
* The American Revolution and its impact on Canada

COURSE EVALUATION: (weightings will be determined by each teacher)

Students will be evaluated over the semester by the following activities:

Formative Assessment – class participation and in-class practice activities

Summative Assessment – assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests

MARKS DISTRIBUTION:

Term 1 40%

Term 2 40%

Final Exam 20% (Department Exam: Essay & Multiple-Choice Questions)