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Sixth Grade Course Expectations

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Grade 6 Social Studies is based on the geography and history of the Eastern Hemisphere, including the development of cultures, civilizations, and empires; interactions between societies; and the comparison of trends in government and economics. It also incorporates some elements of other social sciences.

The course begins with an examination of the Eastern Hemisphere today, using geographic skills. This provides the foundation for making connections between the past and the present throughout the course. The remainder of the course is divided into seven Key Ideas that cover a time span from pre-history into the 1300s. Students are provided the opportunity to explore belief systems across time and to examine the foundations of democracy.

Course Outline

Trimester 1:

Geography, Early Humans, Mesopotamia

Trimester 2:

Ancient Egypt, Ancient India, Ancient China

Trimester 3:

Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome/Byzantine Empire, Middle Ages/Islamic World

Grading Scale

The Student's final grade per trimester will consist of the following components:

Tests/ Performance Assessments/ Major Projects 40%

Classwork/Notebook Checks 30%

Quizzes/Minor Projects 20%

Participation & Homework 10%

Homework Expectations

Homework is a component of the education process. When given, it is used as reinforcement to the daily lessons. When homework is assigned it is expected to be done with effort so the student is receiving the benefits of the assignment.

Make-Up Work

Students with excused absences may make up any assignments missed while they were absent. The student is responsible for retrieving the work they missed while they were absent. They will have the same time to make up the work as they were absent.

**Work will not be accepted if it is late. I understand that things come up so please contact me so that I am aware of any extenuating circumstances. **

Academic Dishonesty

If a student is cheating, the student's work will be collected and a zero will be given for the assignment. Please refer to the Technology Use and Behavior Policy and the Middle School Handbook. The student's parents will be notified as well. There is a zero tolerance for cheating or plagiarism of any kind.

Classroom Expectations

Students are to follow the classroom expectations posted in the classroom. Students need to come to class prepared with all classroom materials including; pencil, paper, organized binder with all work and any other materials specified. Lastly, disrespect to anyone will not be tolerated.