

6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES (MESOPOTAMIA-ANCIENT ROME)

SYLLABUS

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ATTENDANCE:

The requirements of this course include a **charged laptop** every class (albeit it might not be used daily), a **writing utensil** (a MUST!), **earbuds** and a **red social studies folder**; individual and group activities/projects (in class); tests will mainly consist of project-based assessments, several **benchmark quizzes** & a **final exam** in May/June.

Consistent attendance is also expected, and **attendance will be taken in every class daily**. When you are absent, **please check the DAILY LOG on my website** prior to returning to school in order to stay abreast of classroom activities. As a rule, I will enter a “0” into the computer for any assignments missed during an absence, but I will adjust the grade upon completion of the assignment within the proper time frame.

****Lower scores and/or zeros in the gradebook will receive a comment, so please look for it.**

GROUP WORK: *all group work (when graded) is **graded individually** & what each student is responsible for. No students will need to feel compelled to complete the work for another student, since he/she is ONLY graded for his/her OWN work.*

“Academic Dishonesty”-As per district policy: work that is copied from another student or plagiarized from other sources — in part or in full -- will receive a 0 in the gradebook. In addition to a zero as per district policy, 1st offense also includes 2 days lunch recess detention & a parent conference.

Classwork/Homework is **independent work**, unless otherwise stated in the written directions (on the doc or on the daily log). Therefore, **students are NOT permitted to complete classwork/homework with another (other) student(s).**

Grading Policy

Tests 30%

Projects 30%

Quizzes 20%

Classwork/Homework 20

LATE WORK

To better prepare students in becoming more responsible as middle schoolers, the following progression will be implemented over the course of the school year:

- **Marking Period 1** = work accepted up to **2 weeks LATE** with reduction in credit-Half credit after 2 weeks (*void if assignment has been returned graded to students*)
 - **Marking Period 2** = **1 week LATE** with reduction in credit (*void if graded already*)
 - **Marking Period 3** = **1 week LATE** with reduction in credit (*void if graded already*)
 - **Marking Period 4** = Half credit for any late submissions
- * **NO LATE Work will be accepted the last week of each marking period.**

CLASSROOM RULES-

- * Be respectful, polite & mannerly toward others.
- * Stay seated & ready for instruction. Be prepared.
- * NO calling out. Use your hand for communicating.

***NO restroom during videos/tests/quizzes- too distracting to others!** If you need to use the restroom, please ask at the beginning of the class period prior to a video or test/quiz.

***NO trips to the water fountain during class time- DO IN BETWEEN classes!** Remember to fill your water bottle **PRIOR** to coming to class!! You have plenty of time in between classes, so use your time wisely.

Seats will be changed every 2-3 weeks, which is important to social development and working collaboratively.

*Please come to see me at any time, **other than a class period in which I am teaching**, if I can help you in any way during the year. You may also email me outside of class, and I will make every effort to respond within a reasonable amount of time. If you have a problem or disability that may have an impact upon your work in my class for which I have **NOT** been made aware by the guidance counselor, nurse, or special education teacher, please contact me. It is my goal to provide the best environment for learning, so please contact me if someone or something is impeding on your ability to do so in my classroom.*