

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](#), [Sharpie markers](#), 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.

****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 (this includes the use of Ai)— 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).**

WDMS Grading Policy

MAJOR (tests/projects 45%) **MINOR** (Quizzes 40%) **SUPPORTIVE** (Classwork 15%)

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- Half credit after 1 week (*void if graded already*)
- **Marking Period 3** = **1 day LATE** with reduction in credit- Half credit after 1 day (*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.**

BASIC CLASSROOM RULES

(Detailed rules are posted in the classroom)-

- * 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 (The daily log highlighting the day's activities is always posted on the SmartBoard when you enter the classroom-so be informed!)

***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.**