6th Grade Social Studies Course Description and Syllabus

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Course: This course will cover the geography and ancient history of selected areas of the world and then move to the modern times to discover the impact of the history and geography on contemporary societies. This unit will begin with an in-depth examination of social science, focusing on the five key themes of: geography, government, economics, prehistory/history, and culture/society/civilization. These five key themes will be the guiding focus for the topics and ideas studied throughout the remainder of the year. During the 1st Quarter, students will be introduced to archaeology and early humans. In the 2nd Quarter, students will examine the world’s earliest culture, Mesopotamia as well as the rich history of ancient Egypt. During 3rd Quarter, students will focus on the cultures of ancient East Asia, with a primary emphasis on India and China. Finally, 4th quarter will be devoted to the study of ancient Greece and ancient Rome, and how these cultures developed ideas, concepts, and inventions that still impact us today.

Materials: Pens, pencils, paper, textbook, assignment notebook, binder, classroom journal, and any homework from the previous day’s class.

Course Syllabus

1st Quarter (Dates are approximate to give a cushion for district assessments)
- Introduction to Social Sciences: Approximately 4 Weeks
- Archaeology/Early Humans: Approximately 4 Weeks

2nd Quarter (Dates are approximate to give a cushion for district assessments)
- Mesopotamia: Approximately 4 Weeks
- Ancient Egypt: Approximately 4 Weeks

3rd Quarter (Dates are approximate to give a cushion for district assessments)
- Ancient East Asia (India): Approximately 4 Weeks
- Ancient East Asia (China): Approximately 4 Weeks

4th Quarter (Dates are approximate to give a cushion for district assessments)
- Ancient Greece: Approximately 4 Weeks
- Ancient Rome: Approximately 4 Weeks