**Sixth Grade Social Studies Syllabus**

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**Welcome to Sixth Grade Social Studies!**

This year, we will be studying about the culture, economics, geography, government, and history of the diverse regions of the world. The sixth grade social studies program investigates major physical, political, and cultural forces that have shaped societies over time, in addition to teaching students global citizenship. These units are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), which can be accessed at the following link: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/ch113b.html>

### **I. Materials Needed Daily –** Please bring the following items to class daily and replenish as needed.

* **![MCj02901520000[1]]()Social Studies folder:** Your folder needs to have two sections, with one labeled “**Work in Progress**,” and the other “**Graded Work**.”

\*Please keep all papers in your folder until instructed to recycle.

* **Eanes-issued iPad:** Please have your iPad fully charged and in class with you every day.
* **Other supplies:** Notebook paper, pencils and colorful pens for writing, a red pen/pencil for grading, highlighters, colored pencils, and a personal pencil sharpener.
* **Daily Planner & Google Calendar:** Assignments and homework will be posted on the board in class and may also be found on the Social Studies Calendar tab on my teacher website. **You are responsible for writing down any homework, deadlines, and/or test dates in your daily planner.** Students will have periodic deadlines for long-term assignments, and will know of upcoming tests and projects at least one week in advance. Work is expected to be turned in at the time it is due.
* **Composition book:** This may be used in place of loose-leaf paper for notes, warm-ups, journaling, research, etc. in order to help you stay organized, but please make sure the pages are serrated and therefore easily torn out.

**II. Textbook**

Student copies of the National Geographic textbook will remain in class, which may be accessed online at the following link: [www.myNGconnect.com](http://www.myNGconnect.com)

* **Username:** School email address ( \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_@eanesisd.net)
* **Password:** School email password

### **III. Daily Procedures**

* **Daily planner** – Please read the board when you first enter the class and write down any homework, deadlines, or test dates that are listed in your student planner.

\*If there are no deadlines, please write “none” in your planner to help you stay organized.

* **Warm-Ups** - Class begins with a current event or geography skills packet.
* **Lesson/Instruction** – This may include lecture, independent research and writing, group work, student presentations, and/or projects.
* **Closing** – Around-the-World, pair/share, journal writing, etc.
* **The teacher will dismiss the class.**

**IV. Grading and Assessment**

The numeric grade for each nine weeks will be based on the following:

**60% Major** (tests, projects, and long-term assignments)
**40% Skills Development** (quizzes, daily work, and homework)

**V. Retesting Policy**

Students scoring less than 80% on a major test are eligible to be retested over the information provided they follow the steps in the retesting contract. Retesting is intended for occasional difficulty with content mastery. If students retest on a regular basis, parents will be contacted, and a study plan will be developed as needed. Students and parents are encouraged to check Skyward Family Access to monitor student grades, with the goal of fostering student responsibility.

### **VI. Absences**

It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and complete missed assignments when absent from class. Please refer to the Social Studies Calendar and Social Studies Resources tabs on my teacher website or contact a classmate for additional information and help. Students will have an extension of 1 day for every day absent without penalty. For questions, please refer to the absence policy in the student handbook: <http://hcms.eanesisd.net/>

**VII. Late Work**

If an assignment is late, the student must fill out and turn in an “Incomplete Work” form, along with the completed assignment the day after it was originally due. Late work will have a penalty of 10 points off for every day that the assignment is late. **Staying organized is important!**

## **Consequences for making poor choices:**

1. Warning
2. Talk with student
3. Change of seating and/or lunch detention
4. Parent notification
5. Referral

\*The moral: Make good choices. ☺

## **Cougar Values & Expectations**

**1. Respect**

* Listen attentively and follow directions as they are given
* Be considerate to yourself, others & property

**2. Pride**

* Be prepared for class
* Take pride in your work and how you represent yourself

**3. Honesty**

* Take ownership of your actions (or inactions).
* Be academically honest and choose to do what is right.
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#### j0078625Helpful Information

* Students may print, write in cursive, or type assignments.
* Students may use a pencil or colorful pens to write.
* Red pens/pencils are reserved strictly for grading.
* Keep all Social Studies papers until instructed by your teacher to recycle them.
* Watch the news, read the paper, and browse the internet to keep up with world events.
* Have fun while learning and ask questions as needed – I’m here to help!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please e-mail me at **hhausman@eanesisd.net**, which is the quickest way to reach me, or you may call me at (512) 732-9227 extension 31230. My conference is during 5th period, which is 12:52-1:44.

I look forward to a fun year exploring our world with you and your family!

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