

# Social Studies Class Syllabus

Mrs. Weber – Room 107

Welcome to the 6th grade! This is going to be a fun and exciting year, and in social studies we are going to be exploring ancient civilizations and world history. We will be studying Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, China, Greece, Rome, Medieval Europe, the Ancient Americas, World War I, World War II and the Holocaust. As you can see, we will very busy! Below is a list of important information you will need throughout the year, so keep this syllabus in your purple, social studies folder.

**Class Supplies** – you will need to bring these supplies with you **every day**.

- social studies textbook
- Trapper Keeper
- pencils
- pen (to grade with)
- lined loose-leaf paper
- class assignment notebook (school calendar)
- AR book

**Class Rules** –

1. Do not do anything to call attention away from me and to you.
2. Be prepared for class.
3. Respect others and their property.
4. Listen and follow directions.
5. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

**Bell Ringers** –

Bell Ringer questions are to be answered each day when you come into class, and you will have five minutes to work on them. These are questions that are a quick review of what we have been studying recently in social studies, and they oftentimes show up later on quizzes and tests. They are worth two points each and will be **collected every other Friday**.

**Current Events** –

Current events assignments will be due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. If there is no school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, then the current event will be due the day before. Students should find an interesting and school-appropriate current event article from a local or national newspaper, news magazine, or reputable Internet news site. The current event should be no more than two weeks old. The student will need to cut out or print off the current event with the news source and date and submit it along with a short summary of what the current event is about. Mrs. Weber will then ask for volunteers to share his/her current event in class. This assignment will be worth 15 points.

**Geography Trivia** –

Each week there will be a mystery country that students can guess for two bonus points. Each day of that week I will put a clue on the chalkboard about that country, so by the end of the week, you will have five clues. At any time during the week, you can make one guess as to what the mystery country is and put your guess in the Geography Trivia bucket (Make sure you put your name on your

guess!). By the end of the nine-weeks, a student could earn up to 18 bonus points with geography trivia. This is the only extra credit that I give in social studies class.

**Projects –**

We usually complete one larger project at some point in the school year. Students will be given instructions on how to complete the project as well as a grading rubric and plenty of time to complete the project (usually two weeks).

**Group Work –**

We do work in groups frequently in social studies. It is important for you to be a contributing member of your group. If you choose to be disruptive during group work, your individual grade will be affected, and you will also receive a checkmark. Mrs. Weber’s group rules are as follows:

1. You must stay on task to the topic at all times.
2. You may only talk to your group members (unless Mrs. Weber gives you permission to discuss with another group).
3. Although talking is part of working in a group, you must keep your voices to a quiet level so no one feels the need to start shouting above other groups.

**Grading, Homework and Tests –**

Grades will be taken on Bell Ringers, in-class assignments, homework, writing assignments, chapter quizzes, reading quizzes, tests, projects, current events and class participation. Although I will provide time in class for assignments to be completed, there will be days when you have homework in social studies. If an assignment is not completed by the designated time, an incomplete will be given and the student will serve a working lunch that day. Please use your school issued calendar/planner to keep track of the assignments given in class each day.

Tests will be announced in advance on the weekly calendar, and study guides will be given at least two days before the test.

When you are absent from school for more than one day, I do recommend requesting homework. Also, if you know of an absence in advance, please request the missed assignments before the absence. It doesn’t take long to fall behind. Missed work is required to be completed in a timely manner. Your parents may pick up your missed work in the office at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for giving me as much notice as possible to prepare it.

**I am looking forward to a great year!**

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