



Manheim Township School District

COURSE SYLLABUS

NAME OF COURSE: 6th Grade Social Studies
COURSE CREDITS: 1

TEACHERS:
LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 Year

I. General Course Description:

Sixth grade Social Studies focuses on the growth and development of students as citizens while also helping them better understand neighbors to the north and south of the United States of America. This course focuses on building understanding of different types of government, the formation of the US Government, the structure of our government, civil rights & liberties, and the development of our political system. This course also focuses on developing geographic skills through the study of geographic regions, themes of geography, and map use/interpretation. Finally, students will gain an understanding of a variety of ancient and modern history and cultures in the Americas.

II. Standards:

[PA Academic Standards for Civics and Government \(3-8\)](#)

[PA Academic Standards for Economics \(3-8\)](#)

[PA Academic Standards for Geography \(3-8\)](#)

[PA Academic Standards for History \(3-8\)](#)

III. Course Objectives/Goals and Key Topics:

This course includes the following units of study:

- Introduction to American Government
- The Branches of the US Government
- Factors that Influence American Government and our Political System/Elections
- Economics
- Pennsylvania Today
- Map Skills Development & the Five Themes of Geography
- Physical Geography of North & South America
- Early Civilizations & Indigenous People of the Americas
- Latin American Culture
- The Modern Western Hemisphere

IV. Grade Scale:

Please access common guideline and assessment information found at [this link](#).

V. Special Projects/Activities:

- Some major projects include:
 - Constitutional Amendment Project
 - Five Themes of Geography Book & Project on a US state
 - Ancient Civilization Project

VI. Retake/Resubmission Guidelines:

Please access common guideline and assessment information found at [this link](#).

VII. Required Reading/Text:

- The Articles of Confederation
- The US Declaration of Independence
- The US Constitution

VIII. Required Materials:

Students must bring their MTSD issued iPad to class each day. Students must also ensure that it is sufficiently charged.

IX. Additional Comments:

N/A