

North Lake Middle School
COURSE DESCRIPTION

6th Grade Social Studies
Mrs. Dockter
2025-2026

COURSE GOALS	<p>The purpose of Social Studies is to promote an understanding and appreciation of events of our past and their connectivity to our present in order to create active, responsible citizens who can think critically, demonstrate the values of a democratic society, respect the diversity of people and perspectives, and work for the common good in our local, national, and global communities. Emphasis in sixth grade is as follows: The Five Themes of Geography and The Ancient World – Culture and Geography: Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, and Greece.</p> <p>By the end of the course the students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe how achievements in the past have shaped today.• Become experts in the use and understanding of many different types of maps, globes, and charts.• Analyze civilizations past and present using the five themes of geography and the eight elements of civilization
MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS & ACTIVITIES	<p>Throughout the course of the year students will be notified of upcoming history assignments and projects in Google Classroom. These assignments include guided questions, response paragraphs, essay writing, and content related projects. Students will be expected to bring a library book for daily independent reading as well as sharing new learning for both social studies and independent reading.</p>
TEXT (S) AND MATERIALS	<p>Students will be accessing a variety of online resources including the district adopted curriculum by Savvas titled <i>My Word Interactive</i>, which is a digital textbook with corresponding assignments.</p>
GRADING PROCEDURES	<p><u>Grades</u> will be updated and posted every two weeks on the NLMS Family Access link .</p> <p><u>Assignments and Assessments</u> Assignments will be scored on a four point rubric: 4=exceeds standard (A range); 3=meets standards (B range); 2=acquiring standard (C range); 1=below standard (D-F range). Scores will be entered into Skyward based on percentages.</p> <p>Overall grade can be broken into these categories: 60% Projects/Assessments (60% Summative) 40% All Daily Work (30% Formative + 10% Daily Reading)</p> <p>There will be remediation and retake opportunities at the teacher’s discretion for projects. Assessments earning a score of 79% and below, may qualify for a re-take opportunity, however the highest score available on a re-take is an</p>

	85%. Since most tests in social studies allow for student notes as a resource tool, taking thorough notes in class will help improve assessment scores.
ATTENDANCE	<p><u>Attendance Policy</u></p> <p>Lake Stevens School District considers regular and punctual attendance to be a necessary part of student learning. It is the District's desire to instill a sense of responsibility in each student that will carry over into the world of work. Because there is a clear connection between good attendance and success in school, we believe that it is our responsibility to help you develop habits of good attendance. Students are expected to have good communication with their teachers through attending class each day, appropriate email correspondence, turning in assigned work, and sharing their learning needs.</p>
COMPLETING AND TURNING IN WORK	Digital assignments will be delivered through Google Classroom. In class learning will include completion of digital assignments, paper/pencil written work that includes taking notes, responding to questions, projects, and quizzes, and class discussions.
LATE WORK POLICY	It is a best practice to work on assignments and turn them in on the designated due date. If there is a situation that needs my attention, please email me as soon as possible.
ASKING FOR HELP	Help is available before and after school on Wednesdays. Please email the teacher as soon as possible to set up a time.
HOW TO CONTACT THE TEACHER	<p>The best way to contact me is by email: carrie_dockter@lkstevens.wednet.edu 6th Grade SS/ELA Teacher at North Lake Middle School Carrie Dockter M. Ed NBCT</p>
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	<p>Materials Needed: ChromeBook & Charger Daily Reading Book (library book) Composition Notebook and/or Notebook Paper with a binder Colored Pencils and Flair pen for maps Pencil and pen Highlighter (other than yellow)</p>