

Sixth Grade Social Studies Course Syllabus

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Brief Overview

Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Area Studies course. Sixth grade students study Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe, and Australia. The goal of this two-year course is to acquaint middle school students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The government/civics domain focuses on selected types of government found in the various areas so that students begin to understand the variety of governments in the world. The economics domain builds on the K-5 economics standards; however, the focus shifts from the United States to how other countries answer the basic questions of economics. The history domain focuses on major events in each region during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Grading Policy: Final grades will be determined by using the following percentages (per Board Policy):

Class Work (includes homework, small projects): **40%**

Assessments (includes tests, quizzes, major projects, and writing assessments): **60%**

Promotion Requirements:

Have a final grade of 70 or higher in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science

Have a final grade of 70 or higher in 75% of the total number of connections courses

Meet the attendance policy requirements

Homework: Typically, "homework" is an assignment that was started in class that students did not have time to complete while at school. This encourages students to use their time in the classroom wisely and responsibly. Students need to review work done in class. All assignments are due the following school day unless otherwise stated.

Materials Needed: Students are responsible for keeping a 5 subject spiral notebook for their core classes with a designated section for Social Studies. The notebook will have daily classwork and notes. The work done in the notebook is a part of the grade for social studies class. They may have print copies or digital ones on their devices. Students are also expected to have the supplies mentioned on the schools supply list for 6th grade. iPads are used daily.

Be sure iPads are charged and ready for school use everyday.

Cheating or Plagiarism: Plagiarism and cheating are taken very seriously. If a student is found to be involved in cheating or plagiarism, he/she will earn an automatic zero.

Late Work Policy: The following late and missing assignment policy has been compiled and recorded in an attempt to streamline and unify The STEM Academy @ Bartlett under one cohesive system, in accordance with Board Policy IHA-R(1). Work that is not submitted will result in a 0%.

- Late is defined as any work turned in after the designated due date. Students will have 3 days after the zero is entered into the gradebook to make up the assignment however; no more than two assignments per class can be made up

during the quarter for a maximum possible grade of 80%.

- **NOTE:** Failure to complete and submit the missing assignment by the due date will result in a zero being issued.

If a student is absent it is their responsibility to ask the teacher for work that was missed.

Important Class Procedures:

1. On entering the class, Students immediately begin warm-up.
2. All assignments must be completed in **PENCIL** (unless electronically submitted).
3. All electronic assignment submissions must follow prescribed guidelines as discussed in the class.
4. All work that's being turned in must include Name, Date, Block, and Assignment Title.
5. All assignments must follow the following format for information as shown below:

	Title: Mentions the <u>topic/concept</u> of the assignment	Student Name: Mary Nichols Date: Aug 5,2026 Block #: Block 1
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6. If something/someone is keeping you from learning, let an adult know immediately so the issue may be addressed.
7. You are expected to bring your own supplies, but in case you ever need something, raise your hand and let the teacher know instead of asking someone/everyone in class, especially without permission.
8. If you miss work due to any reason (such as being absent, tardy, withdrawn for personal/family reasons, or being on school field trip), make sure to request the make-up work ASAP. All make up work can be found on Bright Space.
9. When directed, students will line up in the classroom before dismissal.
10. **In general: Whenever in doubt about anything, please ASK !! :)**

Classroom Rules:

1. ***Be prepared: Bring all necessary materials to class and be ready to work.***
2. ***Be respectful to all classmates, staff, and classroom materials..***
3. ***Be an active listener: Do not speak when the teacher is speaking; raise your hand to ask questions or to share, and wait for your turn to be addressed.***
4. ***Be responsible for your own learning and stay on task,***
5. ***Clean up after yourself and keep all personal electronics put away.***

Student Grades Parent Access: Student grades will be updated regularly. Parents are highly encouraged to keep track of their children's academic progress online. Parents may check their child's progress **anytime** using Parent Access. Simply register with the school to create a "PowerSchool: Parent Access" account and obtain personal access information. Afterwards, you may login to PowerSchool via SCCPSS public web-site: <https://sccpss.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to an exciting school year!

