

**Stillman Middle School**2977 W. Tandy Road

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**Contemporary World Studies/Social Studies Honors  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
  
2023-2024**

**TEACHER: Ms. F. Garcia GRADE: 6th SUBJECT: Social Studies**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

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| The principal focus of this course is to help students learn about the geography & different cultures around the world. Students will also use critical thinking skills to analyze and interpret maps, charts, graphs & other databases. |

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

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| 1. Students will take notes in a workbook located in a **2- inch binder with dividers**. 2. Students will use ***pencils*** to draw and label maps. 3. Students will pay attention during class lectures & daily readings. 4. Students will complete & turn in homework, when given. 5. Students will participate in cooperative group and whole group activities. 6. Students will work on individual/group projects in class and at home. 7. ***Students will bring their charged laptop, charger, headphones or earbuds to class EVERYDAY.*** 8. ***Honors/GT students will be responsible for additional projects.***   ***\*The Teacher is NOT responsible for providing school supplies to students. Please come prepared to class everyday.\**** |

**TEXTBOOK:**

***Contemporary World Studies People, Places, and Societies***

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**CLASSROOM RULES/CONSEQUENCES:**

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| **Rules:**   1. Be on time. 2. Be prepared. 3. Respect Teacher, others, and property. 4. Stay on task and be focused. 5. Follow campus dress code guidelines.   **Consequences:**  1.  1st Offense:  Warning-Redirect; Document on TAC  2.  2nd Offense:  Teacher/Student Conference; Parent Notification; Document on TAC  3.  3rd Offense:  Team ITS/Counselor Referral/Lunch Detention; Document on TAC  4.  4th Offense:  Team/Parent Conference; Document on TAC  5.  5th Offense:  Office Referral; Document on TAC |

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

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| 1- 2- inch binder with Dividers  2- #2 pencils  1-blue or black pen (No red pens)  1-box of crayons (24) and 1 box of pencil colors  1-pencil sharpener ***with a cover***  2-Folders with pockets  1-pair of scissors (rounded point)  Glue sticks or a bottle of glue  1-zipper bag **(No school boxes)**  1 Box of Kleenex Tissues (First Period only) |

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| **2023-2024 Secondary Grading Procedures**  **Attendance**: p. 10-13  **Make-Up & Late Work Policy** p. 13-15  **Academic Dishonesty/Cheating** p. 21-22  **Middle School Courses: Six Weeks Grades** p. 29-30   1. Major assessments are sixty percent (60%) of the grade. This must include a **minimum** of **three major assessments** per six weeks. Examples of major assessments include, but are not restricted to: reports, research papers, tests and projects. Projects and/or subjective assignments will contain a rubric with clearly defined criteria. 2. Minor assessments are forty percent (40%) of the grade. These must include a **minimum** of **five minor** **assessments** per six weeks. Quizzes, assignments, homework, and notebooks may be considered daily assessments.   **Tardy Policy**  Each class begins promptly after the bell rings. If a student is not in the classroom and prepared to work when the bell rings, he/she is tardy. Before student enters the classroom, he/she will get a tardy pass from the office, if they do not already have one. Students are responsible for any missed classroom instruction.  Tardy # 1 through Tardy # 4 – Parents will be contacted and tardy documented. Tardy # 5 – Office Referral. Students with excessive tardies will be placed on a contract by the attendance clerk. |  |

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

Personal Electronic devices may be used in class for educational purpose **only** at certain times throughout the year. When electronic devices are not being used for educational purposes, they must remain in student’s backpacks and **turned off** at all times (including morning in the courtyard). Electronic devices that are not in backpack(s) will be picked up and turned in to the office. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Electronic devices turned into the office must be picked up by a parent/guardian.**

Absolutely NO ONE is allowed to take pictures or record anyone at any time.

Students are allowed to turn on their cell phones afterschool.

**COURSE CONTENT CALENDAR**

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| **6th Grade Social Studies Scope and Sequence 2023-2024 (First Semester)**  **First Six Weeks**  Chapter 1: A Geographer’s World  Chapter 2: Planet Earth  ***\*Celebrate Freedom Week***  ***\*Introduce National History Day Contest & Begin NHD projects***  Chapter 3: Climate, Environment, and Resources  **Second Six Weeks**  Chapter 4: The World’s People  Chapter 5: Government & Economic Systems  Chapter 6: The United States  Chapter 7: Canada  ***\*Kid’s Voting***  **Third Six Weeks**  Chapter 8: Mexico  ***\*Submit National History Day Projects***  ***\*Thanksgiving Holiday***  Chapter 9: Central America & the Caribbean  ***\*Final Exams***  ***\*Winter Holiday***  **Honors/ GT Projects:**  NHD Scavenger Hunt, National History Day Project  **6th Grade Social Studies Scope and Sequence 2022-2023 (Second Semester)**  **Fourth Six Weeks**  Chapter 10: Caribbean South America  Chapter 11: Atlantic South America  Chapter 12: Pacific South America  Chapter 13: Southern Europe  Chapter 14: West-Central Europe  Chapter 15: Northern Europe  Chapter 16: Eastern Europe  **Fifth Six Weeks**  Chapter 17: Russia  Chapter 18: The Eurasian Republics  ***\*Spring Break***  Chapter 19: The Eastern Mediterranean  Chapter 20: The Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Iran  **Sixth Six Weeks**  ***\*Review for STAAR***  Chapter 21: North Africa  Chapter 22: West Africa  Chapter 23: East Africa  **\*Final Exams**  **Honors/GT Projects:**  **Culture Collage, Kid’s Voting Art Contest** |



**RECEIPT FOR SYLLABUS  
2023-2024**

**STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CLASS PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SUBJECT: Social Studies Honors**

**GRADE: 6th Grade**

**TEACHER’S NAME: Ms. F. Garcia**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood what is expected of my child in their Social Studies Honors Class.

**STUDENT:**

By signing below, I understand that if my Electronic Device is not turned off and not in my backpack, it will be confiscated by my teacher and turned in to an administrator; furthermore, one of my parents will have to pick it up. NO EXCEPTIONS

**PARENT:**

By signing below, I understand that if my child’s Electronic Device is not turned off and not in their backpack, it will be confiscated by their teacher and turned into an administrator, furthermore, I will have to pick it up. No Exceptions.

Please sign and return to your teacher.

PARENT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Best Time to Contact you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**