# **BILL REED MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Syllabus and Classroom Procedures** 

### 6th Grade Social Studies

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## **Course Description:**

Social Studies is a two-semester course required for all sixth grade students. This class is designed to focus on the skills of a "Social Scientist" through the study of history, geography, civics and economics and is aligned with the Common Core, State, and District standards for social studies.

# **Major Instructional Goals:**

Students will:

- Analyze and interpret historical sources to ask and research historical questions
- Understand the historical eras, individuals, groups, ideas and themes in regions of the Western Hemisphere and their relationships with one another
- Use geographic tools to solve problems
- Understand how human and physical systems vary and interact
- Identify and analyze different economic systems
- Understand how saving and investing are key contributors to financial well being (PFL)
- Analyze the interconnected nature of the United States to other nations
- Compare multiple systems of governments

#### General Rules:

Be on time, be prepared, be respectful and be responsible.

## **Preparation for Class:**

Students are required to bring a pencil, blue or black pen, paper, completed homework and an up to date, maintained 1 in binder (Social Studies Field Journal).