

**Advanced Sixth Grade Social Studies – Mrs. Amanda West – Thomas County Upper Elementary School**

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**Course Description:**

“Activities will focus on conflict and change, culture, governance, human environmental interactions, location, production, distribution, and consumption, time, change and continuity.”

**Course Requirements:**

Students will

- Maintain a Social Studies notebook with daily notes, graphic organizers, vocabulary, study guides, writing assignments, assessments, and research.
- Maintain a vocabulary composition book; to be used for building solid social studies vocabulary.
- Complete a project each nine weeks in a timely manner following guidelines provided by the teacher.
- Complete a project in the National History Day for possible competition to be held in February. Students must make an A or B on the project to compete.

**Homework Expectation:**

Students will

- Spend a minimum of 15 minutes nightly reviewing their notes from that day’s lesson.
- Complete any classroom assignments not completed during class or additional assignments assigned by Mrs. West
- All homework is expected the following day unless otherwise stated by Mrs. West.
- Projects will be given in advance so that time management can be used to complete the project.

**Behavioral Expectations:**

Students will

- Attend class with all supplies needed for the class.
- Enter the classroom quietly, sharpen pencil as needed, be seated, and be prepared for class to begin. All students will complete a vocabulary activity at the beginning of class.
- Follow classroom expectations as posted and all behavioral expectations of the school as outlined in the student handbook

**Grading:**

- Daily Grades           25%
- Quiz Grades           15%
- Unit Test               35%
- Project                 25%

- **Make-up Policy:** Students will be given five days past the end of a reporting period to complete missing work. Work turned in late will be penalized ten points. All missing work will be given a zero after the five day grace period. Please refer to the Parent/Student handbook.

#### **Quarterly Content Outline:**

- **First Nine Weeks:**
  - “Connecting Themes used in Sixth Grade Social Studies”
  - “Europe Today”
  - “Environmental and Economic Forces in Europe”
  - Begin National History Day topic selection/research
  - Thomas County Museum of History Research Field Trip
- **Second Nine Weeks**
  - “Europe’s Historical Influence”
  - “Latin America Today”
  - Complete National History Day research
  - Mission San Luis Field Trip
- **Third Nine Weeks**
  - “Environmental and Economic Forces in Latin America”
  - “Latin America’s Cultural Legacy”
  - “Canada Today”
  - National History Day competition; projects due
  - Read *The Cay*
- **Fourth Nine Weeks**
  - “Environmental and Economic Forces in Canada”
  - “Australia”
  - “Your Financial Future”

Syllabus may be revised during the year.