

Riverside Middle School
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Sixth Grade Social Studies Syllabus 2017-2018
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Course Description:

Students complete a study of ancient civilizations from the beginning of civilizations to the 1600's. An emphasis is place on people and places, with concepts in government, geography, and economics. Students will use a variety of process skills including chronological thinking, organizing, explaining information, analyzing, interpretation data, research, and communicating orally, graphically, and in writing. 6th Grade Social Studies classes are grouped heterogeneously with no specific levels as per the Greenville County District.

Course Textbook:

McGraw-Hill Discovering Our Past, A History of the World, Early Ages. 2014

State Standards:

See the state website for a copy of the [Social Studies State Standards](#)

Course Requirements: Every student is responsible for and expected to follow all rules and guidelines set forth in the Riverside Middle School Student Handbook regarding the attendance, tardy, and discipline policy.

Units and topics covered by nine weeks:

1st Quarter

Geography/Early Man
River Valleys

2nd Quarter

Eastern Religions
Ancient Greece and Rome

3rd Quarter

Asian Civilizations
Africa
Americas
Middle Ages

4th Quarter

Renaissance/ Reformation
Exploration

Major assessments include tests, projects, and written assignments. Included in each unit will be minor assessments such as: quizzes, homework and daily class work to assess the student's progress.

Daily Procedures:

Class begins with the daily questions.(DQ's) Students copy and answer questions which are due on Friday. Each day will consist of a daily lesson, a homework check when applicable, and daily assignments. Homework is always written on the board for all students to copy in their agendas. Homework is expected to be turned in on time. **Refer to the late work policy implemented by RMS for late work grades.**

- *Attendance is taken at the beginning of each class. Students need to be on time to class.
- *Students are expected to stay in their class at all times, restroom breaks are between classes or at lunch.
- *In case of fire drill, earthquake drill, tornado drill, or bomb threat, students will leave the classroom in an orderly manner and follow appropriate procedures.
- *Tests will be given when assigned work has been completed. Tests are announced 4-5 days in advance.
- *Projects are periodically assigned and count as a major assessment.

Grading Policy:

Greenville County Policy:

Grading Scale:

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59-50	F

* Major Assessments: 50% tests and projects

* Minor Assessments: 50% quizzes and daily assignments.

Student Requirements:

Students are required to keep two 3-ring -1 inch binders. One binder for morning classes and one for afternoon classes. Each binder should be divided into the classes you have that time of day. Dividers should be used to keep each section organized. **One black composition notebook is also needed for class.**

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be respectful of yourself and others.
2. Be prepared and have all materials daily.
3. Be punctual. (See student handbook for school policy on the tardy policy)
4. Be familiar and follow all rules and policies of Riverside Middle School and GCSD

Tardy Policy: Students are expected to be on time to class everyday. Students will be given four minutes between classes to go to their locker, use the restroom, and take care of personal business **before they enter my classroom.**

Discipline Consequences:

Each consequence is based on the situation and is at my discretion. Consequences will generally follow the order of the following: 1.verbal warning, 2. new seating assignment/ parent contact, 3.request parent conference/ lunch detention, and 4.office referral.

Any severe disruption in class will result in an immediate office referral.

Dismissal from Class: When the bell rings at the end of each period, I will dismiss the class. Students are free to go when I feel they are quiet and have all necessary information for the day.

Supply List:

*Pencils *Colored Pencils *Composition Notebook *Tape *Notebook Paper

Optional Donations for Our Classroom: All donations are greatly appreciated!

*Colored Copy Paper *Card Stock Paper *Gallon or quart size zipper baggies *Student Incentives

Students are not allowed to use or bring the following items to class: whiteout, permanent markers, lotions, sprays, etc...

Conferences: At any time, if you would like to meet, please call the school office to setup an appointment through our 6th grade guidance counselor.

Extra Help: I am available most days from 8:00-8:15 AM if a student or parent makes arrangements in advance with me.

E-mail: Parents and students are welcome to email me at: arichardson@greenville.k12.sc.us