

# Course Syllabus

## 6th Grade Social Studies 2022-2023



### Course Description

Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Area Studies course. Sixth grade students study Latin America, 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.

**Academic honesty** – Receiving or giving information for an assignment is cheating and when caught in the act students will not receive credit nor receive the opportunity for a chance of make-up. Plagiarism is not acceptable: If a student takes information from the Internet or any printed resources without a citation or copies directly from a source, it is considered plagiarism and the assignment will not be accepted.

**Make-up work** – Announced work, such as homework, quizzes and major assessments are due the day the student returns. For each day's excused absence, students will have one day to make up missed work. If a student is absent under extenuating circumstances, special arrangements can be made to make up work. Please refer to the student handbook for further information about excused and unexcused absences.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE CALENDAR AND/OR REQUEST MISSED WORK.

Weight	Category Title	Types of Assignments
30%	Activities to Support Mastery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ In Class Assignment</li><li>➤ Homework</li><li>➤ Bell Ringers/Opening Activities/Summation Activities</li><li>➤ Written Journal Prompts</li><li>➤ USATestPrep and other digital platforms</li><li>➤ "Participation" Grades – Debates, Simulations, etc.</li><li>➤ Labs (used to practice skills, vocabulary and concepts)</li></ul>
30%	Working Toward Mastery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Formative Assessments (District Created)</li><li>➤ Quizzes (Teacher and/or Teacher Created)</li><li>➤ Writing Prompts (From Activities and Curriculum Maps)</li><li>➤ Daily In-Class Formative Assessments</li><li>➤ Labs (that assess understanding during the unit)</li></ul>
40%	Assessment of Mastery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Unit Assessments</li><li>➤ Projects</li><li>➤ Labs (that assess understanding at the end of the unit)</li><li>➤ Essays</li></ul>

**Parent Portal** – Newton County provides student grade-book information through the Parent Portal. (<https://campus.newton.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/newton.jsp>). This site allows parents to access grades and to monitor their child's progress in his or her courses. Parent Portal will be updated at least once a week.

Instruction will take place both within the traditional classroom and on the virtual platform via Canvas. Student participation is expected and encouraged.

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#### Textbooks & Materials

We will use a combination of learning materials to achieve our learning goals. If the textbook is lost, stolen, or damaged, it is the student's responsibility to pay the "replacement cost" of the book before another book is issued. In the event that the lost book is found, please retain all receipts.

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**Homework** – Teachers expect homework to be completed as assigned as a method of helping students prepare for the lessons.

**Late work** – Late work is not accepted unless the student has a legally excused absence. Extenuating circumstances will be addressed on an individual basis at the discretion of the teacher.

**Note: The types of assignments are suggested but not limited to what is in the chart.**

#### Academic Grading Scale:

A = 90—100

B = 80—89

C = 70—79

F = 69 and below