

Welcome to 6th Grade Social Studies @ Cartersville Middle School

Teacher Information:

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Course Description:

We will be studying a variety of topics as outlined by the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE).
<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Social-Studies-K-12-Georgia-Standards.pdf>

Sixth grade units include Economics, Government, Europe, Australia, Canada, and Latin America. Topics will include the geography, history, and culture of these places. In Social Studies, the standards have two aspects: connecting themes and enduring understandings, which are woven throughout each unit of study.

Primary Resources:

- 1) Gallopade 6th Grade Social Studies Student Workbook
- 2) "Letters from Rifka" by Karen Hesse
- 3) Brain wrinkles teaching resources
- 4) iCivics (icivics.org)
- 5) "Dachau Concentration Camp (1933 – 1945)" – text and photo documents
- 6) "Zero Hour: The Disaster at Chernobyl" - Chernobyl Documentary
- 7) "Rabbit Proof Fence"
- 8) Oversimplified World History videos
- 9) History Bomb videos
- 10) Seterra Geography Games (seterra.com)
- 11) CNN10 student news

Opt. out form:

This year our class will be reading "Letters from Rifka" by Pam Ryan. This novel has been approved by the district and supports the curriculum. If you wish for your student to have an alternate assignment, please contact me at cmcswain@cartersvilleschools.org.

Grading Policy:

Formative Assessments- 40% of the total average (includes individual and group assignments, quizzes, daily work, homework, etc.)

Summative Assessments- 60% of the total average (tests/exams, and major projects)

You are encouraged to track your child's progress on the computer using Infinite Campus. See the CMS front office if you have not yet picked up your login information.

Late Work Policy:

Students are encouraged to turn in all assignments completed and on time. The 6th grade has implemented the following policy concerning late assignments. **If the assignment is turned in within a week of the original due date, the following penalty will be applied:**

First Term (1st 9 weeks) - 10 point penalty

Second Term (2nd 9 weeks) - 20 point penalty

Third and Fourth Terms- 30 point penalty

Note: Assignments that are not turned in within a week of the original due date will result in a zero

If there is any other way I can be of assistance to you or your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please sign this page and return to school. You may keep the above information at home for reference.

I have read the information about 6th grade social studies.

_____ (Parent or guardian's signature)

_____ (Student's signature)

_____ (Student's printed name)