

Sixth Grade Social Studies Lewis Middle School

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Textbook Holt: California Social Studies. World History, Ancient Civilizations
Copies of individual chapters will be available on Google Classrooms

Course Overview: Throughout the course students will study the people and events that impacted several civilizations. These include Early Humans, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt & Kush, Ancient India, Ancient China, Hebrews & Judaism, Ancient Greece, and Ancient Rome.

Focus: The focus of the class will be to determine how early civilizations not only survived but, in some cases, thrived. Within this focus we will examine how the rise of different cultures affected how people behaved and how their beliefs guided their actions through a variety of circumstances. We will look for causes and effects of major events and study the impact of individual historic figures.

Content Standards available at: California Department of Education (www.cde.ca.gov)

SUPPLIES: Students must be prepared each day in class with their student planner and a notebook to be used solely for this class. **Lewis provides all necessary materials to all students.**

GRADING: Grades are posted online using Power School at <http://www.lewis.edu>. Click on Student tab and use your child's user ID to log in. Parents and guardians can contact me anytime via email, phone, or in-person with any concerns regarding their child's academic progress. Students will be assessed on completion and quality of assignments. Social Studies grades will be in categories, not equally divided, as follows:

40% Tests An exam for every unit of study (Example, Greeks, Romans, China, etc.).

40% Homework Collected weekly.

20% Quizzes Includes specific content within a unit, from both class and textbook.

Every assignment will be graded on a point system and converted into a letter grade, based on a 100%, standard scale: A 90%-100% B 80%-89% C 70%-79% D 60%-69% F 59%-Below

HOMEWORK POLICY: Expect to see your child with homework. This work may include daily assignments not finished in class, chapter audios and videos. If your child has any issues/problems accessing assignments, please contact me directly so that I can make needed

accommodations. Late work is accepted until the last day of the semester. Also, late work will be given up to 70% credit maximum grades. All quizzes and exams can be redone before or after school to improve a grade.

CITIZENSHIP It is expected that all students will arrive to school on time, prepared to learn with a positive attitude. Please refer to the Lewis website and your child's planner, page 12, to view our citizenship rubric.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be respectful: Respect the rights, property and safety of self and others.
2. Be ready: Be on time. Be in your seat and quiet when the bell rings.
3. Be responsible: Bring required materials to class and be prepared to work.
4. No gum, candy, food or drinks allowed in class. Water is OK.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION: We will keep in touch through e-mails, phone calls, and my website (strothers.weebly.com). You are encouraged to contact me at any time (sstrothers@sandi.net).
