



Mrs. S. Kolb  
TWO Academies  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies  
Ancient Civilizations  
2015-16

Welcome to 6th grade TWO Academies and Ancient Civilizations! The information that follows hopefully will answer most of the questions you may have.

□ **SUPPLIES-**

- One (1) 3 inch binder, tab dividers, loose leaf paper, pens (blue or black), pencils, highlighters, ear buds, Chrome book case- used for all classes
- One (1) spiral notebook
- One (1) marble style composition notebook

□ **EXPECTATIONS-**

These are the expectations that help the general behaviors in the classroom. I also have daily classroom procedures which help keep the classroom running smoothly. Those procedures are not given here but are just as crucial in class.

- We will be prompt.
- We will be prepared.
- We will be respectful to each other.
- We will listen and follow directions.

□ **CONSEQUENCES-**

The following are the consequences:

- Verbal warning
- Parent contact (either email or telephone call)
- Break detention
- Write-up and/or Parent conference

□ **UNITS OF STUDY-**

The following are the units we will cover during the course of the school year.

- Basics of Social Studies (timelines, map and geography skills, GRAPES organizer, research skills)
- Early Humans
- Mesopotamia
- Ancient China and India
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome
- Ancient Africa and Japan
- Middle Ages
- Renaissance and Reformation
- Age of Exploration

## □ QUIZZES/TESTS/PROJECTS-

- Throughout the year we will focus on the essential social studies skills that involve maps. Students will receive study guides for any maps that we will be working with. My quiz policy is that if it involves a map, students may take the quiz twice. The highest grade achieved will be the grade that goes into the grade book. This gives students the opportunity to get comfortable with these skills while giving them the opportunity for continued improvement.
- After each unit, we will have a cumulative test that will include the content, geography, and vocabulary of the material covered within the unit.
- Throughout the year we will have a number of projects that will be completed in class. Some of these projects will be individual, but most will involve working with at least one other student. Students are expected to work cooperatively, as outlined in the TWO Academy Group Norms, although **grades will be assessed individually**. There will also be two interdisciplinary projects that will be expected to be completed at home. Students will have at least one week's notice (usually much more, depending on the complexity of the project) and will be expected to complete all components and turn it in on time.
- In addition, students will be required to read four articles concerning ancient civilizations and complete a summary form on each article. I will give due dates for the summaries and articles to be turned in. There will be one per nine weeks. The students will present their article at the end of each nine weeks.

## □ GRADING-

The grading system I will be using is a total point system. The categories of the system are also weighted and follow:

- Homework - points will vary depending on the importance of the assignment, but will not exceed 30 points per assignment. (weighted at 10)
- Classwork participation- points will vary depending on the importance of the assignment, but will not exceed 50 points per assignment. (weighted at 35)
- Quizzes- maximum of 50 points (weighted at 20)
- Tests/Projects- maximum of 100 points (weighted at 35)

## □ CONSULTATION-

Consultation is every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:15. 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will stay for all subjects. The consultation is student/teacher driven. Students will be allowed to stay if they have a quiz or test to make up or if they need help with a particular skill or concept. **Retakes and makes ups of quizzes and tests need to be done the first Tuesday or Thursday after the original quiz or test is given.** If too much time has passed, the students will not remember the information because we have continued into a new unit. Students will need to inform the teachers if they plan on staying on a particular day at least 24 hours in advance. Pick up is in the front of the school at 3:15-3:30 P.M. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

## □ CONTACT-

I will send weekly emails home to inform you of upcoming quizzes, tests, projects, and other pertinent information. In order to contact me, you may use any of the following three options:

- Writing a note in the school planner
- Telephone: 803-699-2750 ext. 72188
- Email address: [skolb@richland2.org](mailto:skolb@richland2.org) (best option)

Thank you for all that you do for your child, and if there is anything I can do to help your child succeed, please do not hesitate to call or email.

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