



Besteiro Middle School Social Studies – 6th Grade 2020-2021

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Textbook: Welcome to Holt McDougal Online!

Course Description:

Provide a thorough introduction to geography and a regional approach to exploring the world. Information is presented through an informative and richly illustrated narrative, supported by a strong map program, reading questions that check your child's comprehension, and special features that enliven the study of geography.

Units of Study:

- Introduction to Geography
- The Americas
- Europe and Russia
- Southwest Asia and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- South and East Asia and the Pacific

Expectations

- Arrive on time, be prepared, and ready to learn
- Join In - Be engaged and involved
- Manners Matter
- Show respect for your teachers, classmates and yourself
- Do all you make-up work

Grading Policy:

- Minor Assessments - 40% of grade
- Major Assessments - 60% of grade

Homework: Students will be assigned homework several times per week. Homework may be a reading assignment, a worksheet, review questions. I encourage you to review your child's homework on a regular basis so that you know how well your child is doing.

Quizzes and Tests: To ensure that students are regularly completing and understanding their course work, I usually will administer one quiz per week. I assess students' progress with a more formal test at least once per grading period. If your son or daughter earns a test grade of C or lower, please encourage your child to visit with me about ways to improve his or her progress.

Projects: I anticipate assigning at least one project per grading period. Special projects are fun and challenging additions to your child's course work.

Class Participation: Active participation in class discussion will help your child develop his or her interpersonal skills. To earn full class participation points your child must routinely contribute to class discussion

Attendance/Make-Up Policy:

Students are expected to attend class regularly and to arrive to each class on time. If the student is absent more than the allowed days the student will **LOSE CREDIT**. It is the student's responsibility to appeal a loss of credit. Students have as many school days to make up assignments and/ or tests due as **excused** absences.

Consequences for Misbehavior:

- Verbal Warning
- Teacher /Student Conferences
- Parent Contact
- Parent Conference

Serious offenses will result in immediate referral to the office instead of the normal discipline plan.

Plagiarism / Academic Dishonesty Policy:

Plagiarism and academic dishonesty are cheating. The academic work of a student is expected to be his/her own effort. To represent ideas or interpretations taken from another without giving credit is dishonest. Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty will receive a failing grade in that portion of the course work. Acts of academic dishonesty will be reported to the administration.

Retesting

Retesting will take place upon student failure and will be offered by the teacher except for semester exams. Retesting must occur within five (5) days. The student may only raise his/her score to a maximum of 70 by taking the retest. Retests are allowed only once per exam.

Acknowledgement Form: <https://forms.gle/XKJEQ1mNE43vRWjn8>

Please sign using the above link to acknowledge that you read this syllabus.

Course Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

I _____ have read the above syllabus which has outlined the structure of the course. I agree to abide to all the information presented to me.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student ID# _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent (Guardian) Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Best time to reach you: _____