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<b>Course Description</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies</b>						
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	We will explore the geography of the world, examine societies past and present, and analyze the effects of different political and economic systems. We will use critical thinking strategies, examination of primary and secondary source materials, academic writing practice, inquiry-style lessons, projects and interactive technology resources to ensure students master the concepts of geography, cultures, history, government types, and economic systems in each part of the world.						
<b>Adopted Instructional Materials</b>	Canvas will be our main instructional platform. Zoom will be utilized as our webcam software for class meetings. Other various instructional sites will be utilized as supplemental resources, such as Nearpod, Classkick, Kahoot, Blooket, etc.						
<b>Instructional Methods</b>	Lectures, multimedia elements, class discussions, case studies, projects and individual assignments, cooperative learning.						
<b>Grading Policy</b>	<p>The academic year is divided into four quarters, or 9 -week periods.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Major Assessments (50%) Minimum 3</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Minor Assessments (30%) Minimum 6</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Daily Work (20%) Minimum 6</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Exams Projects Presentations</td> <td>Quizzes Short essays</td> <td>Homework Discussions Notes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Major Assessments (50%) Minimum 3	Minor Assessments (30%) Minimum 6	Daily Work (20%) Minimum 6	Exams Projects Presentations	Quizzes Short essays	Homework Discussions Notes
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<p><b>Cell Phone and Technology Policy</b></p>	<p>Students are provided with a Chromebook, Internet Hotspot, iPad with Keyboard, Digital Pen.</p>
<p><b>Assessment Policy</b></p>	<p>Frequently during the year, formative assessments will be given. These will be in the form of homework, written or oral quiz, readings and discussion, student writing, or tests. Feedback will be given on all formative assessments.</p>
<p><b>Retesting Procedures</b></p>	<p>The formative assessments are critical to learning because they provide feedback as to what essential learning we will focus on next. They will help influence and shape the process of learning while we still have time to improve before test or grades are given.</p> <p>Students may retake tests only upon receiving a failing grade of below a <b>70%</b>. The time and date for all retests is determined by the teacher.</p> <p>Semester Exams will <b>NOT</b> be eligible for retest.</p>
<p><b>Late Work Policy</b></p>	<p>All work is due at the designated assigned time.</p> <p><b>Late work due to absences:</b></p> <p>Students absent on a day work is due shall receive a due date for the next class meeting. All homework is due at the beginning of the class hour. Assignments submitted electronically are due before the beginning of class time on the scheduled due date. Students who are absent on the day work is assigned will be assigned said work upon their return to class and given the same time frame for completion as originally assigned. Work turned in during this time shall receive full credit.</p> <p><b>Late work not due to absences:</b></p> <p>For all assignments turned in late, 10 points shall be deducted for each day an assignment is late. No assignments will be accepted pass day 3.</p>
<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>Regular and daily attendance is required for all classes. Every day, log into Canvas and look for any new Announcements or Content. On days that I am out, I will leave an Announcement on Canvas with instructions for the day. You will be expected to complete any work I leave behind for attendance. If you know you will not be able to log in to the course on any given day, please contact me immediately by e-mail. If you encounter technical difficulties, contact the school by phone. <b>Students who continually miss class OR are not responsive via Zoom will be referred to the school administration.</b></p>