# Social Studies Department's

# Honors Student Profile

To excel in the Westlake High School Social Studies Department's advanced level courses, students are expected to meet the following traits and skills:

1. **Civic Knowledge**: Demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of government, its structure, purpose, and the principles underpinning the American political system.
2. **Chronological Thinking:** Distinguishes between past, present, and future while organizing historical events in sequential order.
3. **Analytical Skills:** Analyzes and interprets patterns of change and continuity in history, understanding their effects on communities and societies.
4. **Historical Argumentation:** Constructs evidence-based arguments to answer historical questions, using reliable documentation and taking conflicting interpretations into account.
5. **Interpretative Abilities:** Evaluates and analyzes historical sources to understand the causes, consequences, and significance of historical events.
6. **Engagement and Passion:** Actively participates in discussions, activities, and independent exploration of social studies topics, showing dedication to the discipline.

This profile highlights the intellectual curiosity and critical thinking necessary for excelling in our advanced social studies curriculum.