

Sixth Grade The Western World



Textbook: Exploring our World
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Course of Study: The sixth grade social studies curriculum introduces students to cultures of the West. Emphasis is placed on Europe, Canada, the United States, Russia, and Latin America. Students study the geography of each of these world regions; explore cultural and natural features that characterize each region; trace the movement of people, ideas, and products within the regions, etc. In addition, the economy of each region and its role in the global economy is explored; special attention is paid to economic ties with the United States. Students study public issues of global significance in these regions and work to understand them through discussion, and research. Current events, especially in the countries of study, is an important component of this class.

Materials: Students will need a spiral notebook (to be used for geography only), colored pencils, pens, pencils, and a ruler.

Assignments: Much of our work will be done in small groups using discussion and worksheets. Textbook readings will be given in preparation for discussions. When reading is given as homework, students should take notes and study the information so as to be ready to actively participate in class. Homework will be assigned almost every night but will not be too extensive. Students are encouraged to spend time either listening to or watching news broadcasts. This could be a good family time. Newspaper reading is also greatly encouraged.

All assignments are expected to be turned in when due. Late assignments will not be accepted for full credit. Late or missing assignments will be noted in the student's assignment notebook or will be in a sign and return note form. Please check and sign the assignment notebooks nightly. It is important that your child be in school every day. For outstanding situations, a note from home will help with an extension for illness, absence, etc. If students are absent, they may request their work upon their return.

Tests/Quizzes: Tests and quizzes will be given at the end of each unit. Quizzes may be given after homework reading assignments. A variety of testing will be used such as, multiple choice, matching, and essay.

<u>Grading Scale:</u>	100-97	A	76-73	C
	96-93	A-	72-70	C-
	92-89	B+	69-65	D+
	88-85	B	64-62	D
	84-81	B-	61-60	D-
	80-77	C+	59-	U

Participation: Participation will be an important part of this class and will be included as part of the quarterly grade. It is very important that the students understand and can apply the concepts presented. Discussion is one of the ways to assess their understanding. Students should be prepared to participate in discussions on review topics, homework readings, and daily news.