**Sixth Grade Social Studies Course Syllabus**

**2023-2024**

Teachers: Mr. Jim Vanvalkenburgh, Mrs. Hayley Long, and Dr. Matt Griffin

Contact Information:

* Phone 286-9700
* Email me: jvanval@langstoncharter.org
* Visit my website or TEAMS for assignments and forms: jimvanlangston.weebly.com

Description

Sixth grade social studies will focus on world civilizations to uncover trends from prehistory to present day. Students will understand the significance of geography in the development of cultures around the globe. Additionally, students will analyze the development and implications of social, economic, and political structures in major civilizations.

Requirements

Each unit of study will include direct instruction and various online and classroom activities. Grades will be calculated based on a points system utilizing major and minor assessments. Students are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the school. Students are also expected to have necessary supplies every day.

Supplies

Students need a pencil, black or blue pen, highlighter, and loose-leaf notebook paper. They may keep the paper in a separate notebook with storage for handouts or keep everything in a designated section of their binder. Students also need a **RED** pen for grading.

Grading Scale

4 Major Assessments (tests or projects) 100 points each

Minor Assessments (homework or quizzes) 25-50 points each

Textbooks

*My World Interactive (South Carolina edition)*

Course Schedule

# Unit One Prehistory - Early Humans / Mesopotamia / Rise of Egypt

# Unit Two Ancient World – India/ China / Greece / Rome

# Unit Three Middle Ages, Rise of Neoclassicism, Exploration/Colonization,

# and Atlantic Civilizations

#  Unit Four Modern Cultures: Global Exchanges - Conflicts, Political and Economic Systems

# Unit Five Global interdependence including diffusion of culture, technological and

# communications revolutions