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Sixth Grade Ancient Civilizations

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Welcome to John Muir Middle School! This year we will be exploring the wonders of the ancient world. We will challenge ourselves through problem solving, critical thinking, and building our knowledge of the people that came before us. This syllabus serves to answer any questions that you might have about the structure of this class. Please e-mail me if you have any further questions. Thank you!

Some of the topics we will learn about this year:

* Early Humans / Human Migration / River Systems
* Mesopotamia / Sumer / Fertile Crescent / Agriculture
* Egypt / Nile River
* Hebrews
* India
* China
* Greece / Democracy
* Rome / Empire

*Required Materials:*

* Laptop / Chromebook / Personal Computer
* Headphones / Earbuds
* Textbook (provided)
* One Single Subject Notebook (70 – 100 pages)
* Pencil and Eraser

*Grading Policy: (subject to change)*

20% Attendance / Participation

One-fifth of your grade is simply joining scheduled meetings, and following the synchronous meeting rules below. It is really important to me that we stay connected throughout this school year, so *please* attend our meetings!

35% Weekly Assignments

Your weekly assignments will consist of small individual assignments such as: Picture Walks, Notetaking on Google Docs or Coggle, EdPuzzle Videos, Flipgrid topics, Padlet posts, Newsela articles, etc.

35% Projects / Primary Source Work

Students can expect one or two projects in each unit. Primary source work will require students to read and analyze primary sources with our ‘History’s Mysteries’ activities.

10% Assessments

Small assessments will be given through Quizizz or Google Forms. All assessments during distance learning will be open book/note.

A+: 98-100% A: 93-97% A-: 90-92% B+: 87-89% B: 83-86% B-: 80-82% C+: 77-79%

C: 73-76% C-: 70-72% D+: 67-69% D: 63-66% D-: 60-62% F: 59% and below

*Synchronous Meeting Rules:*

RULES

1. Be open to participating.

2. Be present during the meetings.

3. Use appropriate language.

4. Respect your classmates, your teacher, and all visitors.

CONSEQUENCES

1. Warning.

2. Removal from meeting.

3. Parent contact.

*\*Synchronous means ‘meeting at the same time.’ Some ways we will meet at the same time:*

* *Zoom Meetings*
* *Google Chat Office Hours*
* *Responding to classmates on Flipgrid and Padlet*
* *Connecting on Instagram (Live, Q&A, Commenting)*
* *Live Streaming Book Readings on YouTube*

During this time, the best way to contact me is by e-mail, or using ParentSquare/StudentSquare. Students can also reach me through our running Google Chat, or attending our Google Chat Office Hours. I will typically be able to respond very quickly.