

**SCHOOL:** Sterling Middle School  
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## **SYLLABUS**

**TEACHER** Ms. Shorey

**COURSE/GRADE LEVEL** Sixth Grade Social Studies / World Geography

### **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Geography The World and its People  
Nystrom World Atlas  
The World Almanac and Book of Facts  
Time for Kids Magazine  
various reference materials

### **MAJOR TOPICS\***

Map Skills  
Five Themes of Geography  
Identifying landforms and water forms  
Using atlases and almanacs  
Europe/Russia  
India, China, Japan, Koreas  
Southeast Asia  
Middle East  
Africa  
Australia  
South America

### **\*ASSESSMENT TOOLS**

Projects  
Binder  
Map illustrations  
Interdisciplinary activities  
Simulations  
Open ended questions  
Co-operative learning projects  
Journal/Diaries  
Objective Tests/Quizzes  
Essays  
Presentations  
Class Participation  
Homework

**\*See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable.**

## **HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS**

Students will be given homework Monday through Thursday night.

Homework should be neat, and should be passed in promptly.

Homework assignments will be due the following day, unless otherwise noted in the agenda book

Students will be assigned a project each term. They will receive a project sheet each term, which will give directions and due dates.

## **GRADING POLICY**

Students will be graded on the following:

Tests/Project 40%

Quizzes 30%

Classwork 15%

Homework 10%

High Five 5% (being on time and bringing all materials to class)

Students will keep a Social Studies binder. It will be graded each term. It will count as a test grade.

An optional extra credit binder assignment will be provided each term.

## **MAKEUP PROCEDURE**

Students are responsible for making up any assignments they have missed.

It is their responsibility to find out what work they owe.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Students will need to bring the following items to class:

Geography textbook

1-inch three ring binder

pencil or erasable pen (blue or black)

agenda notebook

colored pencils

**\*Adjustments may be made in this syllabus to meet students\* needs. If adjustments are made to this syllabus during the school year, parents/guardians will be notified and a new syllabus will be distributed.**