**Ms. Strickland 6th Grade Social Studies Syllabus**

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Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe, and Australia

Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Area Studies course. Sixth grade student’s study. Latin America, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The goal of this two-year course is to acquaint middle school students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The government/civics domain focuses on selected types of government found in the various areas so that students begin to understand the variety of governments in the world. The economics domain builds on the K-5 economics standards; however, the focus shifts from the United States to how other countries answer the basic questions of economics. The history domain focuses on major events in each region during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

 **Supplies**

Three ring binder with dividers

Pencils Black/Blue ink pens

Notebook paper

**Late Work**

Students are expected to complete and turn in assignments by the assigned due date. If you are absent on the day the assignment is due, please turn in your assignment the day you return.

**Make-Up Work**

Students are expected to make-up assignments and assessments missed due to absence from school. It is the student’s responsibility to ask teachers for the make-up work upon returning to class. Make-Up work must be completed within 5 days of returning to school.

**Homework**

Homework is a valuable part of the instructional process. It allows students to practice what has been taught; it also lets parents see what students are learning and where they are in their level of understanding. Homework will be assigned and needs to be returned the next day.

**Academic Grade Reporting**

Middle school student performance will be recorded and reported in all courses by numerical grades, based on a 100-point scale.

**Calculation of Final Grades**

Final grades will be determined by the cumulative semester average using the following criteria:

• Minor Grades = 60%

Examples include quizzes, labs, and other graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study

• Major Grades = 40%

Examples include unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and other culminating assessments to measure mastery of standards that comprise a unit of study.

**Content Mastery Assessments**

These assessments will be given quarterly in all core content areas

**A Represents an average of 90-100**

**B Represents an average of 80-89**

**C Represents an average of 75-79**

**D Represents an average of 70-74**

**F Represents an average of below 70**

**Class Procedures:**

1. Enter the classroom quietly, sit in your assigned seat and begin the “DO NOW”

2. Do not talk while the teacher is speaking, listen for information and directions

3. No food or candy may be eaten in the classroom unless the teacher provides it.

 **Contact Information**

Parents, please feel free to visit and participate in the class. I encourage and appreciate parental communication and involvement. You are a vital part of your child’s continued success. My email address is stricla@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us. I can also be reached at (803)801-1041