

Ogden 6th Grade Social Studies

Welcome to Ogden's 6th Grade social studies! Your student will be in one of two teams for their social studies instruction this year. The Owls are taught by Mr. Nodurft and Mr. Grove, and the Ravens are taught by Mr. Rickard. Sixth grade students will have different teachers for language arts, math, science, social studies, social-emotional learning, and their elective classes. This allows the students and teachers opportunities to get to know one another, familiarize themselves with the demands of middle school, and gain a deeper study of the core content.

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Grading Policy:

Social studies grades are based on three criteria every six week grading period. The daily class work that is done in the **student interactive notebook** (INB for short), a **unit end assessment** (test), and a **creative project** (project).

Projects and INBs are graded with a rubric, and can be revised to improve scores. If a student is not satisfied with a test score, they can study and take an alternative test with a retake ticket. These retakes require student initiative and can be scheduled by the student on Thursdays or Fridays during their 4th period class.

Proficiency Grading Scale:

Mastery	4
Proficient	3
Emerging	2
Basic/ Insufficient Evidence	1

Daily Practice / Homework:

Aside from the creative projects that occur every six weeks, there will **not** be regular homework in social studies. However, if a student does not complete their daily INB work in class, it should be completed at home. This places an importance on the learning activities that take place in class, making daily class attendance important.

Student Learning Objectives:

These learning targets are given at the beginning of each unit of study so that the students will be aware of what is expected of them, and what they will be learning. Students will track their progress at the beginning and ending of each unit of study as they reach proficiency and mastery.

Interactive Notebooks (INBs):

INBs are used daily in class, and should remain in the student's binder to travel back and forth from home and school. Social studies does not have a textbook, and so these INBs provide the content students need to study both at home and school.

We look forward to working with your student this year!

Mr. Grove, Mr. Nodurft, and Mr. Rickard