

# CARTER LOMAX

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS



### Department Commitment Statement

Our mission is to create an engaging academic experience and safe environment, through collaboration, critical thinking and data driven decision making.

## PROJECTS WE WILL STUDY

- 1st 9 Weeks = History Without Writing- Students will analyze physical, visual, and oral artifacts from the past to learn about what and how we can gain information about societies even when a written history is not available and then connect this learning to themselves by choosing artifacts from their culture and personal history that tell their story.
- 2nd 9 Weeks = Stories of Students- Students will be reading I am Malala and learn about how a narrator's perspective influences how the events are shared in a story. Students will create a one-page visual to support the ideas from the story and create a personal narrative.
- 3rd 9 Weeks = Beliefs and Practices-In this project, students will learn about the five major world religions and how they influence the way people live. Students will select a life event that is interesting and compare how it is celebrated; presenting their findings in a presentation that compares and contrasts the different religions.
- 4th 9 Weeks = Cultural Narratives with Flying Lessons- Using inspiration from a variety of professional storytellers, such as Meg Medina, Walter Dean Myers, poets, and other authors, students will choose one character to analyze and curate an art gallery around them.

## POWER FOCUS AREAS AND DUE DATES

- World Geography (Due October 3<sup>rd</sup>)-Explore the continents and oceans of Earth
- What is Culture (Due October 31<sup>st</sup>)-Explore how culture is expressed, spread, & influences our lives
- Global Economies (Due December 6<sup>th</sup>)-Explore how economy impacts a region and societies
- Having a Voice: USA & Canada (Due January 19<sup>th</sup>)-Explore settlement, government, and economy of the US & Canada
- Events of the Past & Present: Latin America (Due February 15<sup>th</sup>)-Explore settlement, economy, and history of Latin America
- Resources & Religion-Defining a Region: The Middle East (Due March 24<sup>th</sup>)-Explore settlement, economy, natural resources, and religion of The Middle East
- Influence of Time & Place: South Asia (Due April 24<sup>th</sup>)-Explore settlement, levels of development, and historical events of South Asia
- Building a Modern Society from Traditional Beliefs: East Asia (Due May 17<sup>th</sup>)-Explore settlement, government, economy, history, and religion of East Asia

## ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS AND DUE DATES

- Religions of the World (Due Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>)-Explore the five major religions
- Types of Government (Due November 17<sup>th</sup>)-Explore limited and unlimited Governments
- Europe (Due January 19<sup>th</sup>)-Explore geographic features, historical events, and economy of Europe
- Russia (Due February 28<sup>th</sup>)-Explore geographic features and government of Russia
- Sub-Saharan Africa (Due April 12<sup>th</sup>)-Explore the geographic features, history, and economy of Africa

- Oceania & the Pacific Realm (Due May 17<sup>th</sup>)-Explore the geographic features, history, and economy of the region

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## GRADING POLICY IN SOCIAL STUDIES

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- 70% Project
- 21% Power Focus Areas
- 9% Additional Areas

Final percentage grade	Letter grade
90 - 100	A
80- 89	B
75-79	C
70-74	D
0 - 69	OT ( <i>Off-Track</i> )

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