



Neelsville Middle School Social Studies Department Course Expectations



The goal of the social studies curriculum is to help create historically literate and well informed citizens who actively participate in a democratic society. Below you will find a summary of the curriculum, expectations, and grading policy for Neelsville Middle School's Social Studies Department.

Welcome to 6th grade Social Studies!

Unit	Title	Description	End of Unit Assessment*
1	Patterns of Settlement in the Ancient & Modern Worlds	Students will focus on early cultures and patterns of settlement. Students will explore why people chose to settle where they did. Students will have the opportunity to use a variety of materials to increase their knowledge.	Week of October 26 th
2	Citizenship and governance in Classical & Modern Times	Students will focus on the development of democracy in Ancient Greece and the development of the Republic of Ancient Rome. We will examine how these principles have influenced our own representative government in the United States.	Week of January 18 th
3	The Impact of Economics in Ancient and Modern China	Students will focus on the development of the economy of China by comparing and contrasting the principles of a market economy with a command economy. Students will also look at the dynasties that have shaped China and the changes that are taking place today as China begins a move toward a market economy. Students will complete the unit by examining different aspects of ancient and modern China.	Week of March 22 nd
4	Cultural Systems: The First Millennium and Today	Students will focus on the principles of culture and what affect they have had on several great civilizations of the first millennium. Students will end the unit with a research project on a countries' culture of their choosing.	Week of June 7th

*Students and parents will receive more information regarding the end of unit assessments and projects in a timely manner before the scheduled assessment.