

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

SOCIAL STUDIES

SIXTH GRADE

For each of the sections that follow, students may be required to analyze, recall, explain, interpret, apply or evaluate the particular concepts being taught.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will begin with a review of the McMurray Student Handbook. The course will then proceed to cover the following: tools geographers use, climates regions, economics, population and movement, culture, and government. Key areas of focus will be the Eastern Hemisphere beginning with European history. The following continents will also be incorporated into the core concepts: Europe, Africa, and Asia.

STUDY SKILLS:

- Maintain organized course materials.
- Preview all headings and subtopics before reading each section.
- Identify and define key terms and definitions.
- Analyze essential questions highlighted for each chapter.
- Identify main ideas and analyze visuals and captions.
- Adequately prepare for quizzes and exams
- Complete projects and homework.

MAJOR UNIT THEMES:

1. MCMURRAY STUDENT HANDBOOK

- Identify basic school rules and procedures.
- Define discipline procedures used in McMurray Elementary.
- Describe student responsibilities and demonstrate effective citizenship.
- Recognize students' rights as they enter McMurray Elementary.
- Recognize school board policies.

2. CORE CONCEPTS HANDBOOK

- List tools of Geography
- Compare climates of the world
- Analyze human-environment Interaction
- Analyze economics and geography
- Compare population and movement

- Explain culture and geography
- Summarize government and citizenship

3. ANCIENT EUROPE

- Differentiate between cultures in Ancient Greece
- Evaluate culture in Ancient Rome
- Describe life during the Early Middle Ages
- Examine the High and Late Middle Ages

4. EUROPE IN MODERN TIMES

- Compare new ways of thinking
- Analyze an age of revolutions
- Summarize wars and hardship
- Cite differences in rebuilding and new challenges

5. WESTERN EUROPE

- Create and compare physical and political maps
- Analyze Northwestern Europe
- Analyze West Central Europe
- Analyze Southern Europe

6. EASTERN EUROPE

- Create and compare physical and political maps
- Evaluate modern Eastern Europe

MATERIALS:

My World Geography Textbook-Eastern Hemisphere
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