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Extra Copies of Assignments/ Due Dates: <http://team63science.weebly.com/>

Welcome to Social Studies!

Hello, my name is Rainey Miller and I am your 6th grade science teacher. I am originally from Cedar Rapids, and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. This is my third year back to Roosevelt after a leave of 3 years. I held the Team 63 science position from 2007- 2009. When I moved to Minneapolis and I taught Science at a charter school and at Science Museum of Minnesota. In my adventures, I have also taught special education at Springville Elementary and 8th grade Science at a private school in Guatemala City, Guatemala and instructed at the Science Station for 7 years. I love to travel. I have visited over 14 different countries and lived in 3 (Guatemala, Brazil and Germany.) Summer of 2012 I was lucky enough to go to Space Camp.

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| **Introduction to Geography** | Timelines, The 5 Geography Themes, Culture, Population, Environment |
| **SW & Central Asia** | Mesopotamia, Turkey, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, Iran |
| **S & E Asia and Pacific** | China, Japan, Korea, India |
| **Africa** | Ghana, Mali, Songhi, Western Africa |



Daily Geography

Daily Geography- Every week students are given questions on map skills to complete as they arrive in class. They may continue to correct the sheet until they get 100% on them

Grading

Grades will be updated regularly on Power School, the school’s electronic grade book. 30% of your grade will be made up of your in-class work and homework. Tests and quizzes count for 60%; Daily Geography 10%.

**You may fix, change, add, retake or redo any assignment or quiz.**

Late Assignments

Late homework assignments will be noted in your student’s planner. If you see the Social Studies box circled with an MA that means your student did not turn in the homework assignment collected in class that day. If your student does not have a planner please expect a phone call home from your student to notify you to help them remember to complete it.

Homework is **NOT** optional at Roosevelt. Although late work will be accepted, it will not be given full credit. Late work will be deducted by 10% if handed in late. Students who fail to complete assignments on the due date will be **required** to come in either at lunch or after school to complete it. Any assignment that is plagiarized will result in a 0.

Be Prepared for Success! Bring to every class:

Planner

Accordion Folder

At least 2 Pencils

Notebook Paper

Free Reading Book

Your Social Studies Binder is to be kept in class, but can be taken home if arrangements have been made with Ms. Miller. If you need a Social Studies book to complete your assignment, one can be checked out from the IMC for 1 night at a time.

My Job As a Teacher

1. Maximize teaching and learning time
2. Follow rules and notice behaviors
3. Redirect when rules are broken
4. Keep it impersonal
5. Be fair and consistent and address all behavior
6. Keep it positive and acknowledge successes

Your Job As a Student

1. Maximize teaching and learning time
2. Follow rules and notice own behaviors
3. Accept any and all redirections
4. Keep it impersonal
5. Be fair and consistent and fix mistakes
6. Keep it positive and respond to cues

 A quality student is….

1. ***Safe***

- Follows Directions

- Keeps hands and feet to self

- No Gum, Food or Drink in the

 classroom

2. ***Respectful***

- Takes turns speaking

- Cleans up their own mess

- Respects the rights and the

 possessions of others

- Respects the facilities

- Focuses on work in class and

 social life outside of class

- Uses appropriate language

 (Can you say that to Ms. Pino and she

 would be OK with it?)

- Electronics off

3. ***Responsible***

- Hands in assignments on time

- Is prepared for class

- Does their own work (own

 thoughts and ideas)

- Asks for help

- Uses the restroom between

 classes

- If absent, they are responsible

 and make up the work