Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back! I am really excited to start teaching about the Western World. An understanding of past cultures and civilizations is crucial to gaining an understanding of the present world. The sixth grade social studies curriculum provides an opportunity in which to do this. We will be focusing our studies on the Western Hemisphere studying the history, culture and geography. Some areas we will be studying include:

- Canada
- Mesoamerican Cultures
- Ancient Rome
- South America
- World War II
- Ancient Greece
- Middle Ages
- Renaissance
- Modern Europe

Grading Policy

All tests, quizzes, and assignments will be given a point value that will be converted to a grade at the end of the marking period. Unless an emergency situation arises, incomplete homework assignments will not be given full credit and may result in a zero. If an emergency should occur, please have your parent email me.

Homework

Homework will be assigned and posted both on my classroom whiteboard under “6th Grade Homework” and also on Google Classroom. Edlio will also be updated daily. ALL PARTS OF THE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT MUST BE COMPLETED. Incomplete homework assignments will not be given full credit and may result in a zero.

Supplies

Please bring on a daily basis the following to class: textbook, blue binder, planner, and earbuds. Your Social Studies binder is your personalized binder filled with all your notes, class work, and reflection activities. It will help you become a successful note taker and stay organized in social studies.
Online Textbook
The social studies textbook is accessible online. The *Western World* website is [www.hmhco.com/one](http://www.hmhco.com/one). A login and password will be provided shortly.

Username:

Password:

Google Classroom and Edlio
Important information for sixth grade social studies will be posted to our Google Classroom page. Google Classroom is a learning platform for sharing assignments in a paperless way. Assignments, notes, and announcements will be posted to our Classroom stream. We will be accessing Google through our classroom Chromebook. Parents, if you would like a weekly update from Google Classroom of what we are up to, please email me, and I will add you. I will be posting on my Edlio page test and assignment dates. Please subscribe to your child’s class page, if you would like an email anytime I update the page.

Parent Homework
I am really excited to get to know your child this school year. As his/her social studies teacher, I want their experiences in my classroom to be a positive one. I would appreciate it if you could tell me about your child via email. Anything you feel is important will help me better teach your child this year (strengths, challenges, etc).

If you have any questions during the school year, please do not hesitate to email me at flasck.melissa@holyfam.org or leave me a message at school. The quickest way to reach me is through email. I am looking forward to working together this year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Melissa Flasck

Student Signature _________________________________________

Parent Signature _________________________________________