

Sixth Grade Social Studies Summer Assignment

Welcome to Sixth Grade Social Studies. I am looking forward to teaching you about all the interesting ancient civilizations around the world. This year, we will be studying maps and videos to examine the many cultures of the past.

In order to prepare you for the class, please select two current articles involving global news. The articles cannot be about news happening in the United States. If possible, please focus on news from the following ancient civilizations: Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Ancient Egypt, Ancient India, Ancient China, Ancient Japan, The Middle East and Mesopotamia. Some examples are articles focusing on graffiti on the Greek temples, maintenance of Greek statues and artifacts at the London Museum.

Some other topics we will be studying this year are Religions of the Middle East, Ancient Architecture and the Conflict in the Middle East.

Some resources you can use are:

- www.NYTimes.com
- www.cnn.com
- www.studentnewsdaily.com

This will count as your first homework assignment of the school year.

We will use these articles to become more aware of the events happening in other nations around the world by having group discussions concerning the issues presented in the article.

I hope you find this assignment enjoyable and informative.

Sincerely,

Mr. Beller

Article 1 Title: _____

Civilization: _____

Please attach a copy of the article to this packet.

Answer the following questions about Article 1:

Where does the article take place?

What is the source of the article?

When do the events of the article take place?

What civilization is the article about?

Explain the main idea of the article.

Describe the conflict between the nations involved if any?

What is the resolution of the conflict?

Why is this article interesting to you?

How does this article impact any other nations?

Article 2 Title: _____

Civilization: _____

Please attach a copy of the article to this packet.

Answer the following questions about Article 2:

Where does the article take place?

What is the source of the article?

When do the events of the article take place?

What civilization is the article about?

Explain the main idea of the article.

Describe the conflict between the nations involved if any?

What is the resolution of the conflict?

Why is this article interesting to you?

How does this article impact any other nations?

