## **Social Studies 6 Course Overview**

Unit	Major Concepts	Skills	Summative Assessments
Geography	-Geography of Earth -Environment and Climate -Human movement and production of goods	-Mapping and using geographic terms -Identifying regions based on global location -Terrain analysis	-Digital Geography Notebook
Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt	-Modern concepts such as Civilization and Society have been adapted from ancient people -Ancient Religions are the precursor to modern religion -BCE and CE	-Interpreting maps -Organizing information, evaluating data, and drawing inferences from data contained in timelines and artifacts -Identifying ancient influences on modern civilizations - Identifying ancient written language	-Project: Timeline and Map of Ancient Mesopotamia -Group Presentations on Ancient Egypt
Ancient China and India	-China was essentially isolated from the rest of the world by geophysical features -Significant contributions to science and government -Provided Europe with materials via the Silk Road -Caste and Class systems as defined throughout the classical period -Development of world religions -The Golden Age and foreign invasions	-Using primary and secondary resources -Collaborative designing and presenting -Quiz taking and question analysis -Making multimedia presentations	-Presentation on Chinese inventions -Individual presentations on dynasties
Ancient Greece and Rome	-Geography of Greece and Rome -Greek and Roman mythology, literature, scientific achievements, and architecture -Greek ideas spread through conquest and colonization -Greek and Roman influences on modern civilization -How civilizations end	-Interpreting maps -Identifying Greek influence by region -Comparison of ancient Greek to American government -Sequencing events and causes -Graph and chart creation from the provided data -Mapping and terrain analysis	-Presentation on Hellenistic Greece -Project on Greek Mythology -Project using Document Based Questions
Middle Ages and Renaissance	-The influence of European and Byzantine civilizations on the growth of Christianity, architecture, and trade routes to Eastern Asia -The Renaissance -Humanism -Christianity	Recognizing that: -the Dark Ages signifies a period after the fall of Rome -the Middle Ages ended with the Black Plague - the Renaissance was a rebirth of Ancient Rome and Greek ideas -many important inventions and works of art came out of the Renaissance.	-Group presentation of personal projects -Castle design and building project