

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy**  
**21-18 46th St.**  
**Queens, NY 11105**

**Class:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

**Teacher:** Mr. Cain

**Course Description:** Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies! The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies curriculum covers the Global History from pre-historic time period to the 1300s. The emphasis of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies is based on the development of civilizations, societies and empires in the Eastern Hemisphere ranging from the river valley civilizations in the Fertile Crescent to the rise of medieval empires in the Middle Ages. Students will critically examine the worldviews and belief systems contributing to the emergence of democratic institutions in the Mediterranean World. The course also consists of comparing trends and concepts in government and economics in global regions. Students will analyze how interactions across the Eastern Hemisphere were influenced by a cultural exchange, complex political structures and technological innovations.

**Class Policies/Procedures:**

*Homework:* Homework will be given 3 to 4 times a week and should take roughly 30 minutes to complete. Homework is graded based on a check system ranging from a check plus or fully completed homework, check minus or incomplete homework to a zero for non-submission of homework. Students can make up homework with excused absences.

*Tests:* Tests are given every 2 weeks based on content covered in the Social Studies curriculum. Students will be given one-week notification before a test and receive a test review session prior to the test. The format of a test will be discussed in advance. Tests must be signed by a parent.

*Quizzes:* Quizzes will be given frequently to ensure student understanding of content knowledge in Social Studies. Students will receive one day notification before a quiz is administered. Quizzes must be signed by a parent.

*Projects:* A Social Studies project will be assigned 1-2 times per semester in order to provide students with the opportunity to explore a topic or theme in Social Studies in greater depth utilizing creativity and content knowledge acquired from class. A criteria sheet will be distributed to students regarding each assigned project. Students will be assigned independent or in-class projects at the discretion of the instructor.

*Class Participation:* Students are expected to participate regularly in classroom learning activities, discussions and group work. Questions are always encouraged.

*Classroom Conduct:* Students will be respectful and courteous to both peers and the instructor during class sessions. Attentiveness to instructions and procedures is essential for a successful, productive learning environment.

**Positive Note:** Last, but not least, it is an honor to have each student in 6th Grade Social Studies. If any student is struggling in Social Studies, I am more than happy to speak to and assist any student, in need of additional academic or personal support.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to having a great year together!!

Mr. Cain

When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals; adjust the action steps." - Confucius