

# SOCIAL STUDIES

6A & 6B

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Our entire year is focused on democracy - what it means and how we can use it to become active citizens in our world. Responsible citizenship and identity are the ultimate goals of social studies. Basic to these goals is the development of critical and creative thinking skills. The *"responsible citizen"* is one who is knowledgeable, purposeful, and able to make responsible decisions and choices.

*"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who choose, choose wisely."*

Franklin Roosevelt

## Units of Study

- Unit 1: Democracy
  - Part A – Decision Making & Pillars
  - Part B – Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Unit 2: Ancient Athens
- Unit 3: Iroquois Confederacy
- Unit 4: Active Citizenship
- Unit 5: Levels of Government
  - Part A – Local Gov't
  - Part B – Provincial Gov't



## What to Bring to Class

-S.S. duotang

-pencil

-highlighter

-positive attitude

-open mind

-desire to learn

## Homework

It is important that students in grade 6 begin to develop strong study habits and be responsible for their own learning. Students are expected to review their notes at home a few times a week to stay on top of their learning and help retain the information covered in class. Furthermore, students are expected to complete their study guide throughout the unit on their own time (as opposed to completing it right before a test). Mrs. Hood will always provide time in class to review before an assessment, but it is expected that their study guide be complete by then.

Students will be given appropriate time in class to complete tasks and assignments. If the task is not completed in the allotted time, students will be expected to finish it at home.

## Assessment

Student grades will be available on PowerSchool via live reporting throughout the school year. Please view it on a regular basis to check on progress, read teacher comments on specific tests/projects, as well as to stay up to date on any missing assignments. Our hope is that by providing this information on an ongoing basis throughout the year, we can stay ahead of any issues that may arise and promote optimal learning. Due to the 24/7 live reporting, a traditional report card will not be issued until the end of the school year. Due dates for assignments/projects will be clearly communicated with students. While we expect our students to be responsible for their learning and meet these deadlines, we understand life can get in the way. We will do our best to accommodate each situation on an individual basis.

Grades are calculated cumulatively, which means that as each assignment or quiz is added on a student's record, the overall average and final mark is adjusted. Please be aware that the grade may fluctuate throughout the year as the curriculum intensifies.

### Assessment Breakdown

Exams and Quizzes:	70 %
Assignments and Projects:	20 %
Final Assessment (PAT):	10 %