

Incoming 6th Grade Ancient History

Readiness Checklist – Before Starting 6th Grade Social Studies

Academic Skills

- ___ Reads grade-level fiction and nonfiction text independently
- ___ Can identify the **main idea** and supporting details in a passage
- ___ Can answer comprehension questions using evidence from the text
- ___ Can write complete sentences using proper capitalization and punctuation
- ___ Can write a paragraph that includes:
 - Topic sentence
 - Supporting details
 - Closing sentence
- ___ Can summarize information in their own words
- ___ Can listen during instruction and record important notes

Historical Thinking Skills

- ___ Understands that history helps us learn about people, places, and events from the past
- ___ Can ask historical questions using **Who, What, When, Where, Why**
- ___ Can place events in order on a timeline
- ___ Can identify **cause and effect** relationships
- ___ Can compare how people lived in different places and time periods
- ___ Can identify whether a source is a picture, artifact, map, or written document

Geography Skills

- ___ Can identify continents and oceans
- ___ Can locate major world regions on a map
- ___ Understands cardinal directions (North, South, East, West)
- ___ Can use a map key, legend, and compass rose
- ___ Understands that geography affects how people live

Ancient Civilizations Readiness

- Understands that civilizations often formed near rivers
- Can explain basic human needs (food, water, shelter, protection)
- Understands how communities grow into societies
- Can recognize examples of culture (language, religion, traditions, art, government)
- Can identify how inventions and technology help societies grow

Middle School Habits & Organization

- Brings materials to class daily (Chromebook, charger, pencil, notebook)
- Can follow 2–3 step directions independently
- Records assignments in planner/agenda
- Can stay focused during independent work for 20–30 minutes
- Knows how to ask questions respectfully
- Can work with partners or groups appropriately
- Can transition quickly between activities

Technology Skills

- Can log into Google and Google Classroom independently
- Can open and complete assignments online
- Can type basic responses on a Chromebook
- Can submit digital assignments independently

Mr. Rojas' 6th Grade Success Skills

- Comes to class on time and ready to learn
- Copies the daily/weekly agenda into planner
- Participates in class discussions and activities
- Uses evidence before sharing opinions
- Completes bell work and exit tickets
- Shows curiosity about the ancient world