Social Studies Curriculum Outline

6th GRADE

1. Unit One **“Early Civilizations” (3 weeks)**
2. **Early Humans / Ancient Egypt**
3. Fire Activity (Stand 6-1.2)
4. Agriculture Cause and Effect Diagram (Stand 6-1.2)
5. Early Humans: **girls discuss hardships of women, boys list possible tools**
6. Hammurabi’s Code: both groups rate laws as fair or cruel, compare girls’ and boys’ list (Stand 6-1.4)
7. River System Want-Ad Activity (Stand 6-1.3)
8. Pharaoh Contribution Object (Stand 6-
9. **Ancient Israelites (2weeks)**
10. Teaching Judaism w/ Art (Stand 6-2.1)
11. Religion 4-square
12. Solomon’s Proverbs Activity
13. Unit Two **“The Ancient World”**
14. **The Ancient Greeks / Greek Civilizations (4 weeks)**
15. Philosophers JIGSAW
16. Venn Diagrams
17. Ancient Greeks: **girls** act in skit of family from either city-state, **boys** act out from a boy’s perspective
18. Chalk Talk “WAR”
19. Persian War -MOVIE POSTER (title/sub-title actors/characters, setting, action)
20. Persian Wars – girls drama skits, boys tug-of-war
21. **Early India (2 weeks)**
22. Buddhism Eightfold Path Charades
23. Chalk Talk “Discrimination”
24. Caste System Card Game Activity
25. Indian Civilization contribution WEB DIAGRAM
26. **Early China (1 week)**
27. Map & Chart *SILK ROAD*
28. China Poster Contributions
29. Unit Three **“New Empires and New Faiths”**
30. **The Rise of Rome / Roman Civilizations (5 weeks)**
31. Cultural Anthropologist Activity
32. War Drama (Persian) **girls discuss war effects, boys discuss war strategies**
33. Construct An Aqueduct (on-line)
34. The View – debate

ESPN PTI – debate

1. Expansion & Decline of Rome COMIC STRIP
2. Internal & External Weakness WEB DIAGRAM
3. Caesar or Cleopatra FAMOUS LEADER AUTOBIO-POEM
4. Team teach CATAPULT
5. **The Rise of Christianity / Islamic Civilizations (2 weeks)**
6. Religion 4-square
7. Christianity & Islam VENN DIAGRAM
8. Unit 4 **The Middle Ages**
9. **China in the Middle Ages (2 weeks)**
10. Inventions Stations (Invention & Effect)
11. **Medieval Africa (1 week)**
12. Griots – Jazz Project (story-telling through music) Oral Tradition
13. Web Diagram- Create web diagram describing the accomplishments of each medieval African civilizations. (Ghana, Mali, and Songhai)
14. Venn Diagram – Similarities & differences between the enslavement of Africans in Africa and the enslavement of Africans in Europe.
15. **Medieval Japan (combined w/ China for 2 weeks)**
16. **Medieval Europe (4weeks)**
17. Feudalism WORD STRIP ACTIVITY (duties and obligations of lords, knights, and serfs)
18. Lotus Diagram (European Leaders and accomplishments) (WHO AM I)
19. Diary Entry – girls – what they are experiencing during the black death

- boys – what they are experiencing during the crusades

4. Comic Strip of the signing of the Magna Carta and its effects on the feudal system. (Stand 6-3.2)

4. Women in History (Joan of Arc) – students list women throughout history

1. Unit 5 **A Changing World (2 weeks)**
2. **The Americas**
3. Incas: girls: discuss women’s roles vs. modern women, boys make a chart
4. **The Renaissance and Reformation**
5. Art Shop Location Activity (importance of Florence
6. **Enlightenment and Revolution**
7. Color coded maps (map of ocean currents, map of wind patterns)
8. Diary Entries (girls – stowaway women boys – of a sailor) MUST USE VOCABULARY