

## Parent Guide to Student Success

Rutherford County Schools is committed to providing high quality instruction anchored in the [Tennessee State Standards](#) using state adopted and board approved curriculum resources.

### What to Expect in 6th Grade Social Studies

Our Social Studies classrooms will utilize the six social studies practices found in the Tennessee State Standards to explore the more specific standards and topics. This course focuses on World History and Geography of Early civilizations Through the Fall of the Western Roman Empire. Students will analyze cultural, economic, geographical, and political foundations for early civilizations, including those listed below. This course will also include world religions, including origins, key people, sacred text, and basic beliefs.



#### A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working On

6th Grade Units Include:

- Foundations of Human Civilizations (10,000-3500 BCE)
- Ancient Mesopotamia (3500-1700 BCE)
- Ancient Egypt (3000-700 BCE)
- Ancient Israel (2000-500 BCE)
- Ancient India (2500-400 BCE)
- Ancient China (2500 BCE to 200 CE)
- Ancient Greece (800-300 BCE)
- Ancient Rome (500 BCE-500 CE)

#### What are the 6 Social Studies Practices?

- Collect data and information from a variety of primary sources.
- Critically examine a primary or secondary source.
- Synthesize data from multiple sources.
- Construct and communicate arguments, citing evidence.
- Develop historical awareness.
- Develop a geographic awareness.



#### Resources:

[TN State Standards](#) |



#### Conversation Starters

##### With Students

- What era are you covering in your history class? What type of work is the teacher asking you to complete and can you show me a sample?
- What primary sources have you read in class?
- What goals do you have for your history class? How can I help?

##### With Teachers

- Is my child meeting the expectations of this class?
- How can I keep track of their progress and what they are currently studying?
- Are there additional resources you would recommend to support learning outside the classroom?
- Are there additional books, movies, or podcasts you would recommend to support what you are studying in class?