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Dear WBO Parents,

As you are well aware, here at WBO we are dedicated to your child’s achievement and excellence. Through our rigorous teachings and assessment strategies we hope to produce well rounded students that will be ready for the real world. Due to our dedication and mission here at WBO the Social Studies department has put together a different type of summative assessment, for our World Religion, Asian Civilization, & Middle Ages unit. We are attempting to create a more authentic assessment for your child, for this reason, these units will not have a typical multiple choice summative test.

Instead, we have created a number of different projects for the child to choose from to replace the summative exam. The students are expected to complete assessment choices; each of the assessments range in difficulty. Instruction on each assessment will be given to the students throughout the World Religion, Asian Civilization, & Middle Ages unit. To help the students not procrastinate and wait until the last minute, the students will be expected to meet deadlines for each level of assessment. This type of authentic assessment will be a unit long project but will be broken up into stages, which the students will be expected to complete on time. Accompanied with the instructions for each assessment, will be an example of the project and a rubric so the students will know exactly how they will be assessed.

**If your child fails to turn in one of the projects for this assessment there will be a 10% late grade deduction. Please be aware these projects are considered part of their 60% summative grade.**

We hope for your support in improving your child’s education by supporting your child throughout these unit long summative projects. This authentic assignment was designed with the idea of having real world application, as well as providing the students choices to demonstrate their understanding. During these units, there will be time set aside for the students to work on each of the assessments, but not enough time in class for students to not be working on it at home. Each of these units usually lasts six to eight weeks, during which time you will receive more information about each assessment and its due date.

The Social Studies department asks for your signature to confirm that you have received this letter and verify that you are aware of this new type of assessment. Thank you for your support!!!

Sincerely,

WBO 6th grade Social Studies Team

Parent Signature: Date: