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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 three units this year: World Religions, Asian Civilizations, & Middle Ages. 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 different projects for your child to choose from to serve as the summative exam grade. The students are expected to complete a certain number of assessments of their choice. Instruction on each assessment will be given to the students throughout the unit in question. To help the students avoid waiting 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.

**If your child fails to turn in one of the projects for this assessment, be aware these projects are considered part of their 60% summative grade.**

We hope for your support throughout this unit-long summative project. This authentic assignment was designed with the idea of having "real world" application, as well as providing students with 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 avoid working on it at home. Each of these units usually lasts several 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: