**6th Grade Social Studies Performance Task**

**Understanding my culture and personal identity will help me**

**understand why I make certain choices.**

**Directions to students:**

Students will describe their choice of future occupation and how their culture and experiences have influenced them to select their career path.

1. In a cohesive paper, you will describe an occupation you would like to have in the future and the influences that have caused you to want this job.
2. You should answer the following questions:
	* How would you describe the job? (3 of the 4 Questions)
		+ What is the name of the job?
		+ What does someone with this job do on a daily basis?
		+ What skills does this job require?
		+ What type of education/training is necessary to obtain this job?
	* How has the characteristics of your personal identity influenced your decision to follow this career path?
		+ How has your family influenced your decision?
		+ Your gender?
		+ Your ethnicity?
		+ Your nationality?
		+ Socioeconomic factors?
		+ Your relationship with institutions (your school, church, clubs, sports teams, or other organizations)?
3. Within your paper/presentation, talk about significant influences of your culture, such as:
	* Values
	* Language
	* Beliefs
	* Common behaviors
4. Include direct quotes and ideas of at least one person who has made a significant impact on your life.
5. Explain how at least 2 other societal groups perceive your chosen career.
	* Nationality
	* Ethnicity/Culture
	* Social Class
	* Gender
	* Family
	* Friends
6. Give an account of at least one experience related to the occupation that caused you to want to pursue it.
7. Prior to handing in the assignment, complete a self-assessment using the rubric provided