




Welcome to the Thrilling World of 8th Grade Humanities

Hey there, fellow knowledge warriors! We're very excited to embark on an incredible journey with you through the realms of reading, writing, and social studies in the land of 8th Grade Humanities. Get ready to expand your mind and skills!

Essential Adventure Gear:

To conquer this adventure, make sure you've got these essentials in your arsenal every day:




-  Charged-up Chromebook & Charger
-  Independent Reading Book (IRB)
-  Pencils/Pens for those epic writing quests
- Composition Notebook

Chromebooks and Google Classroom:

Your trusty sidekick this year is your very own Chromebook. Keep it powered up and ready for action every day. We're not just using it for fun, but to learn about the digital world responsibly. Google Classroom will be our secret passage to the world of 8th grade Humanities.

Your Epic Quest for Grading Glory:







Your progress will be measured through this magical formula:

-  85% Summative Assessment (connected to standards)
-  15% Practice (daily work and progress)
-  0% Behavior (Exceptional = E, Satisfactory = S, Unsatisfactory = U) - Yep, the old "life skills" reborn!

Oh, and speaking of grades, we're switching from the 4-1 scale to the classic A-F format. Don't worry, it's like reading a treasure map – follow the links to see how each assignment connects to our mission.

Behavior: Your Heroic Deeds Matter:

Behave like the legends you are! Here's what it takes to be an "Exceptional" hero:

-  Arrive in class ready and raring to go.
-  Master the art of on-task technology use.
-  Show respect to all, be it teachers or fellow adventurers.
-  Deliver assignments like they're precious artifacts.
-  Follow the code of the CMS handbook.
-  Go the extra mile to make our classroom thrive.

Academy Grades: Unveiling Your Mastery

Our Academy Grades are like your personal achievement badges. They showcase your prowess in the current grade level standards across all subjects. It's a pass/fail system, guided by your behavior and hard work.

Retake/Revise/Rework Policy: A Second Chance at Glory

Heroes deserve multiple shots at victory. If you're aiming to master a skill, you'll have plenty of chances to prove you're gaining skills and improving.

Quest for Attendance and Homework

Missing class is like skipping a chapter in an epic story. Your presence matters! If you're absent, be sure to seek wisdom from your guide (that's the teacher) to catch up. Google Classroom is your ally for staying up to date. And don't forget your daily 20-minute independent reading quest – it's a homework adventure!

Communication: Our Magical Conduit

Google Classroom is our enchanted hub, brimming with assignments, resources, and a secret communication spell. Keep an eye on your "To Do" list, and you'll conquer any challenge. If you need to send a raven (or an email), feel free to use ClassTag or your trusty email scroll.

Get Set for an Unforgettable Journey!

Buckle up, brave adventurers! We're poised to make this year legendary. Let's rise to the challenge, overcome obstacles, and emerge as true champions of knowledge.

Ready, set, let the adventure begin! 🌟📚🌍

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8th Grade ELA Year-Long Map

Quarter	Writing	Reading	Social Studies
Quarter 1	Literary Essay & Narrative	Reader's Workshop Launch - Independent Reading: Realistic Fiction novels Class novel: <i>The Outsiders</i>	Unit 1: Our Colonial Heritage Unit 2: Revolution in the Colonies
Quarter 2	Position Papers: Argumentative Essay	<i>ProCon.org</i> <i>Newsela</i> CommonLit Independent reading - self-selected novels	Unit 3: Forming a New Nation Unit 5: An Expanding Nation
Quarter 3	Investigative Journalism	Investigating Characterization Class novel: <i>Inside Out & Back Again</i> Independent reading - self-selected novels	Unit 6: Americans in the Mid-1800's Unit 7: The Union Challenged
Quarter 4	Test Prep: SBA Performance Task Essential Research Skills	Test Prep SBA CAT Critical Literacy & Contemporary Fiction	Unit 8: Migration and Industry Unit 9: A Modern Nation Emerges CBA: Assessment

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