

Course Outline

Humanities 8

Block B

Room C204

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Welcome to Humanities 8! Humanities is a blend of both English Language Arts and Social Studies. It is a linear course which means it runs every day from September to June. In the English portion of the course, we will develop our ability to engage with and create various texts. We will learn to become better readers, writers, and speakers by working on analysis of stories, academic writing, discussion skills, creative writing, research and presentation skills, and grammar and vocabulary.

As part of Social Studies, we will explore the history of our world from the 7th century to 1750. As we acquire information about our world's history, we will also develop our six historical thinking competencies: significance, evidence, continuity and change, cause and consequence, perspective, and ethical judgement.

Students, if you have questions about the class, you may message me on Teams. Be aware, though, that I will only respond when I am at school.

Supplies

- Binder
- Dividers- to keep yourself organized, divide your binder into at least two sections (one for English work and one for Socials. I recommend you have a separate binder for Humanities.
- Lined paper
- Pencils and eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighter
- Blue or black pen
- Silent reading book
- Pencil crayons (I will tell you in advance when we need these)

To be successful in the course, keep all your work neatly filed in your binder. I will periodically check binders for organization and neatness.

Cell Phone Policy

It is a well-known fact that cell phones –although at times helpful learning tools – are a distraction in the classroom. You are not permitted to use phones in class except when instructed by the teacher for educational purposes. This will benefit your learning and help you build a strong work ethic. **Phones will be collected at the beginning of class and returned to you at the end.** This is in line with our school's cell phone policy.

Absences

If you must be away from school, ensure that your parent/guardian calls the school office to excuse you. Make sure to acquire all the work that you missed upon your return.

Assessment

In grades 8 and 9, students are assigned a proficiency level (emerging, developing, proficient, extending) on their report cards. Students' proficiency will be determined by their understanding of course content and competencies as shown on tests and assignments.

Late Assignments and Missed Tests

Almost all assessments this year will be completed in class and not taken home. If you miss a test day or work block for a valid reason (absences must be excused), you can make it up after school. You must arrange a time with me, and this time will not be rescheduled if you fail to show up.

Late to Class

It is important for you to be on time. Punctuality demonstrates effort and responsibility. Our classroom will run more smoothly if you are in your seat and ready to learn when the bell rings; late arrivals are disruptive. The classroom door will be closed and locked after class starts. If you are late, wait patiently in the hallway to be let in, and quietly take your seat. Repeated lateness will warrant a discussion with your parent/guardian.

Parents, after you have read this course outline, please sign below and have your child bring it back to class. If you have questions about the class or would like to speak about your child's progress, please send me an email.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____