

- ★ On the **following page (page #2)** you will write a friendly letter to incoming 8th graders. The overall idea is to give them some information and advice that you wish you may have had when you started 8th grade.
- ★ Your letter should be:
  - Three to four paragraphs in length ( 5 sentences = 1 paragraph)
  - In standard 12 point font
  - Either single (1.0) or double spaced (2.0) "Line Spacing"
- ★ Each paragraph should cover a different topic. Some topic ideas include:
  - What are some materials or resources that they will need or would be nice to have for Social Studies?
  - What will they be learning about in 8th grade Social Studies? Are there any topics in particular you think they could start researching over the summer?
  - What was your favorite learning topic or activity we did in Social Studies this year?
  - What types of things do you do in this Social Studies class? What can they expect to do each class or throughout the year?
  - What were some of the most important lessons and or skills you learned this year in Social Studies?
  - How can they be successful in Social Studies?
  - How can they avoid failure in Social Studies class?
  - What makes your teacher happy? How can you earn your teachers' respect?
  - What will make your teacher displeased? What could get you in trouble with your teacher?
  - If there is something you would do differently knowing what you know now? What would it be and why?
  - What will you miss about 8th grade Social Studies?
- ★ We plan on sharing these on our social studies class websites so the new 8th graders can see this advice over the summer and prepare for 8th grade early. Be creative and positive!

Hello new 8th graders,

Social Studies for this year will cover a lot of information. You will start with Medieval Europe and go through to the US Constitution. Even if you don't like history you can learn at least one fact from each section that will be exciting or weird. Just keep an open mind. History can be fun.

Mr. Jones is a strict but fair teacher. If you put in the work he will work with you for your grade. I don't mean he will just give you a better grade because you ask. He will help you as long as you are respectful during class time and don't goof off. Phones are a big no.

Some of the units have little projects to help you learn more. My favorite project was making a blueprint for a Medieval Manor. Mr. Jones gives you exactly what he is looking for to grade in the rubric. You can organize the town however you want. It was also fun to learn more about the Renaissance artist by doing a project for that.

Everyone can succeed in Mr. Jones class as long as they do the required work and are respectful. Be sure to check your Blue Assignment portal in your on-line book. I forgot sometimes and those assignments are part of your grade. Good luck!

Respectfully,

Griffin Weaver