



Mr. Phipps' 8th grade homework board

If you are interested in going on the NYC trip, I will begin taking registrations and down payments 9/19. First come, first serve as far as reserving a spot. After 42 students, we will start a waiting list.

Song Lyric monologue due

9/19 for 1st block 9/18 for 5th block

Must be printed or written out on paper prior to class. Has to be an actual published song that tells a good story. You don't sing it or say it in rhythm. Just read it as a monologue that tells a story.

Vocab 1 quiz -- 1st block October 3rd

5th block October 2nd

Vocab 2 quiz -- 1st block October 24th

5th block October 25th

10/31 5th block -- *Research/find a legend of a theatre having a spirit or ghost. Bring in to read around the campfire.*
Bwwoooahhhhahhhhahhhhaaaaa

Clown Workshop Dates:

T-shirt decorating day. Bring a plain white t-shirt and we will decorate it in class. Then wear the shirt to the clown workshop so if any make-up gets on you, it will get on the shirt. I will have markers to write on the shirts. If you want to bring bubble paint or anything of the sort that's meant for fabric, that's fine.

1st block 11/12

5th block 11/13

Clown make-up workshop. Bring in colorful face paint/make-up to make each other up like clowns. Inexpensive Halloween make-up works well. Or many craft stores sell it as well. You don't need much and it can be shared between several people. White is what you will need the most of. Feel free to bring in hand mirrors (I have a few) and/or face soap. I will provide baby wipes for taking off the first heavy layer of make-up.

1st block 11/14

5th blocks 11/15

Vocab 3 quiz -- 1st block November 12th

5th block November 13th

Vocab 5 quiz (no vocab 4 quiz)-- 1st block December 11th

5th block December 12th

Vocab 6 quiz -- 1st block January 14th

5th block January 15th

WeVideo link to create account. You will click "join with a new account". If you already have an account, you don't need to do this.

<https://www.wevideo.com/invite/?code=eyJwcm9tbyl6lkJGNkFTNFpONIVORClImpvaW4iOnRydWUslInJvbGUlOjc5NTE1Nn0=>

WeVideo code to join class group

1st period lw5nxg

5th period 7j8pr9

Vocab 7 quiz -- 1st block February 5th

5th block February 6th

Vocab 8 quiz -- 1st block February 25th

5th block February 26th

Virtual Learning

3/18/20

Hi everyone!

I hope this finds you well. As you know, we (teachers) need to give you one assignment each week. Not too bad. As you can imagine, what you get from me won't be too difficult. I had to wrack my brain to find something. When a class is all about getting you up in front of people, online work is hard to find.

But here's something to get us started. You are going to watch a TV show (or it can be a movie if you'd rather do that) and write a review about it. You will find two worksheets (either attached to this message or under materials on schoolgoy) that will walk you through it. It's pretty basic but I would like for you to really put some thought into what you think worked or didn't work for the show. The show needs to be a scripted show – not a reality show. It can be live people or animation. It can be a current show or a show in syndication (re-runs.) It needs to be at least 20ish minutes long which is the basic length of a sitcom if you take out commercials.

This is a PDF I found online. As far as I can tell, you can't type your answers directly on the form so I created a second document on which you can put your answers. Try to be descriptive in your answers. Don't assume I know your show or what you are talking about. Once you complete the assignment, you can send me the answer form via Schoology.

Let's say there's a due date of getting it to me by the end of Sunday. I'll come up with a new assignment for Monday.

Don't forget you all have a subscription to WeVideo. Let me know if you need the link in case you haven't created your own account. Have fun with it and make some fun videos.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there's anything at all I can help you with.

This is obviously a new thing for all of us. Hopefully these directions will give you what you need, but certainly let me know if there's anything that needs clarifying.

Be safe. Be good.

Best,

Mr. Phipps

3/25/20

Hi everyone!

Thank you for your submissions from the assignment last week. It gave me some good ideas for some new shows to check out.

Here is another easy thing for you to do but will hopefully help you fill some time. You should be hearing this from all of your teachers --- these assignments are optional. They are not for a grade and you do not need to do them. However, really suggest you spend some time doing something each day that is at least somewhat educational. I can't tell you how to live your life (well I can, and should, and will – but you get to choose if you listen to the smartest person on earth) but if we do nothing productive with all of this time off, we will enter the next school year as slugs. Getting back into the educational swing will be very difficult because we will have taken a step backwards. So I challenge you to challenge yourselves. It doesn't mean you need to write a doctoral thesis on institutional biomechanics – it just means keep your mind active by not just gaming all day every day. It's something I'm working on with my kids. We are trying to stay on a daily schedule (reading time, creative time, learning time, etc.) Nothing too extreme, but I think a schedule is important for all of us. Okay, enough of my soapbox speech.

Here's what I want to you work on this week – if you want. Totally optional.

In this time of social-distancing (and I hope you are doing it) we must rely on ourselves to self-entertain. What are you doing to get through the day? Do you have a schedule like I mentioned above? Exercising? Writing a novel?

Explain to me what you have been doing. Don't just tell me you've been gaming. That's not interesting.

Also, if you could have something or could do something that would make this time better for you, what would it be? You have one magic wish – what do you wish for? Don't wish for the virus to go away (though that would be great). What would the wish be given the situation we are in? I'm just looking for some fun creative ideas from you. Don't overthink it. Again, this is optional. Hopefully it will be something that will keep your mind thinking creatively.

If you wish to submit your answers to me, you can just attach them to a Schoology message. Looking forward to hearing from some of you.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. As always, let me know if there's anything I can help you with during this strange time.

Phipps

4/3/20

Hi everybody!

I hope everyone is healthy and well.

As I'm sure you are aware, we have now added "recovery"work and enrichment work that are available to you in Schoology. The recovery work is intended to help those who might be behind, maybe missed work, and are in danger of failing the course. This recovery work is available as a way for you to bring up your grade if you would like.

For most of you, your grade is just fine. The enrichment folder in Schoology has a couple of assignments in it for you to stay in the intellectual game but not worry about the grade.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

D. Phipps

5/14/20

The awesomely cool “Theatre Choice Board” is posted in the virtual learning folder in schoology! Lots of great options for all different aspects of theatre and performance. I

hope you have fun with it and learn a few things along the way. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

The options will definitely appeal to theatre lovers but you don't have to be a true theatre geek to get something out of the activities. No matter what subject (drama, social studies, math, etc) you choose to work on, it's important that you continue to work on something to keep yourself intellectually active (it's important for all of us - not just students).