

- ★ 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 five paragraphs in length (5-8 sentences = 1 paragraph)
 - In standard 12 point font, In Arial or Times New Roman
 - Either single (1.0) or double spaced (2.0) "Line Spacing"
 - Either block paragraphs or indent paragraphs.
 - Basic rules of writing should be followed → sequencing and flow, complete sentences, correct: spelling, capitalization, grammar, punctuation
 - If these are not followed and impacts the reading of your letter points will be taken off or extra credit will not be awarded
- ★ 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 to 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!

I'm Aniyah Lipscomb. I was in Mr.jones homeroom class. Mr.jones social studies class isn't hard you just have to stay organized and on top of things. You're gonna need a folder and notebook for his class but once it gets towards the end of the year we don't really use either anymore, just chromebooks. In the beginning of the year everything is easy. The first thing you're gonna have to do in his class is make a postcard from your summer and it was really fun and make sure you're good and listen cause it's very easy to get lost in his class. Towards the middle of the year almost everything is hard but it's easier if you pay attention. In the end it's very easy and you really just tell you and explain what we have to do and after that you're basically on your own.

Mr. jones gives you a 5 point extra credit opportunity chance every marking period. You get a progress report from him every marking period and if you get it signed by an adult you get 5 points extra credit. What i did really good on in his class was when we transferred over to civics and started doing online study guides. Most of the time he goes over it with you and gives you the answer other times you can work with somebody a lot of his class was working with partners. Another one of my favorites was at the end of the year when he gave us packets to do each week. It's 4 packets in total and after 2 packets you get a quick check on it and it's only like 12-15 questions total but it's really easy and he just lets you do it on your own the packets usually have 6 pages but only 13 questions and there really easy. He also gives you vocab packets through the year those are also easy you just have to make sure you do your quizlet cards.

Mr.jones doesn't really get people in trouble. You just have to listen and pay attention. If you don't and you just talk the whole time you'll get in trouble and you won't pass his class. So just pay attention, stay focused and do your work. Because if you actually pay attention he doesn't really give a lot of work. But when something is due at a specific time make sure you turn it in before that. Because if it's late it's late you can't do anything unless you were absent. You get half of your points taken off if your work is late and that's on top of the points taken off from the things you got wrong so make sure you turn your stuff in on time. And that's all you have to know about Mr.jones 8th grade social studies white team class.