

- ★ 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!

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There are a few things to know about social studies. The first thing is what you'll do in this class. In this class we did a lot of kami work. That's including study guides, vocab, and your reading guides. You do a lot of reading guides online which is important to fill out because they will help you a lot on your tests.

The second thing that you should know about this class is that it's important to study. Your reading guides will help you a lot with your tests. The more you study your reading guides and your other notes the easier the tests will be. If you're going into the test not knowing anything about the lesson you learned the most likely you won't do good. Another thing to know well is your vocabulary. The vocabulary is usually really easy but it's also important to make sure you know them well because some of them sound alike.

The last thing is your time management. You should even out your time with each assignment. An important part is studying your vocabulary. Mr. Jones will always tell you to study your vocab for at least 10 minutes a day. It definitely helps studying them because your vocab is the easiest part of your test.