

- ★ 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!

Dear future 8th graders, i am here to to tell you a little about this social studies class. This class is pretty calm on most days, you usually sit at your desk doing your work, don't worry there is a lot of partner work if you want to work with someone. The work is mostly on paper and online, if you have a preference. Don't worry, if you are like me and do not like presenting you do not have to in this class. A tip for this social studies class is always make sure you do your work, if you don't your grade will go down fast. Take notes if you can, and one important thing for quizzes re-read the book, its more helpful then you may think. Thank you for reading this, don't worry you will do great.