

- ★ 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!

So something that I will miss is individual working time. I enjoy that Mr Jones gives us lot of time in class to do vocab practice, and other things. I like it because a lot of students do sports or band quior and orchestra so they may not have time in tutorial or after school at home. So students also have jobs so Mr Jones giving us time in class to work on classwork/homework I think that is a really big help.

I think the most important lessons for 8th grade Social Studies is learning about the Congress and Constitution. I also think learning about the Declaration of Independence is really important especially for us US citizens. Its important to learn about your own country. And by learning about all that the us students can become great residents of the United States of America. I also like it because its interesting to learn and see how long it took the delegates to write the Declaration of Indpendence by watching the movie 1776.

Some material and resources that are important to have to 8th grade Social Studies is a chromebook. Becuase we do a lot of things online. We also use textbooks but also online textbooks are also an option. We also take lot of notes online and most of the tests and quizzes are on there. I think using a chriomebook is a big help because everyone knows to bring their chromebook to every one of their classes. So if we have to carry textbooks around everywhere and us students may forget and constantly would ask "Mr Jones can I grab my textbook from my locker?" Everyday.

Some ways to avoid failure in Social Studies is by studying. Not much. Just practice vocab almost every day along with notes. You cant get an %100 on a quiz or test if you dont study. Its also very important to do notes. Notes are so important becuase notes may be your only resource of help on tests or quizzes. Notes also really help understand what you are learning about and really is a big help.

In 8th grade social studies we learned a lot. Towards the end of the year we learned about the Indepence of Declaration and the Constitutional Convention and the making of the United States. That lesson in my opinion is the most important. We are also learning about Duties and responsibilities that US citizens have to do. Along with patriotism and the 13 colonies.