

- ★ 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,

This is tips and advice for those going to be in Mr. Jones Social Studies class. I'm specifically going to talk about what I wish I would've known. Another main point I'm gonna talk about is how to respect your peers and your teacher. Also being successful is a big game changer for some people. There are a lot of responsibilities in 8th grade, but trust me it's not as bad as you think.

First I'm going to talk about things personally I wish I would've known. In 7th grade for me missing work wasn't an issue but as sports got busier and life got hectic, yes there were a few missing assignments, but if you could my advice would be to work ahead if you can. If you ask your teachers they are gonna be really understanding and grateful you asked for the assignments (with explanations) earlier so it's less assignments in the future. They should understand more than anyone else. Now I'm gonna talk about how to respect peers and your teacher.

Mr. Jones can be crazy sometimes but he's not a bad teacher. This goes for peers and teachers, if you're nice to them they will be nice back. That is something I will always go by, especially when talking to a teacher. Sometimes teachers can get on your nerves but that's no excuse to treat them badly. Treat your peers how you want to be treated by them. I know it's cheesy but it's true, even if they may talk crap about you or they don't like you, just treat them with kindness and respect.

The last thing I'm gonna talk about is how to be successful in social studies class. Keeping up with work is a big factor on how to be successful. If you're absent one day from school make sure to check the agenda's, i know mr jones always post agendas so make sure you check them. If you have questions, ask questions!! If you need something please ask and if you need help on something ask.

Those are my tips and tricks for 8th grade social studies. Like I said before 8th grade, not scary at all. 8th grade is really fun and it's a great time to make lots of memories. Even if classes are confusing and scary you will be okay and you will get through it. Thank you for reading my tips and tricks for 8th grade.