

- ★ 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 you are done with 7th grade, are you ready for 8th? Well you are probably reading this thinking I don't want to read this but I need to know about the class. Mr. Jones class is pretty simple, but it could be a little confusing. So I will tell you about his class. All you have to do is read a few paragraphs.

Well first of the class is a pretty simple class if you pay attention and take good notes the class will be easy. Just as a tip when preparing for a quiz or test is to take extra notes and study those. There is a decent amount of work that needs to be done so for his class I would really try and stay on top of the work that Mr. Jones assigns. There are a lot of different topics that he goes over so make sure you pay attention.

One way to not get yourself in trouble is when he is letting you work in groups or with a partner to make sure you are staying on task. If you are working in a group or with a partner and you are messing around he will possibly write you up. I am saying this statement not to scare you but so you are aware if he writes you up or says something.

Here are some things you might need for the class. Always have your chromebook. In Mr. Jones class you use your chromebooks a lot so always have them charged and ready to go. Now in his class there are places where if you didn't charge your computer but have a charger you could charge it, but it would be best if you just charged your computer. Two other things I would bring with me are a folder to keep papers he gives you in because he does assign some things on paper. The other thing is a notebook. He has paper in the back of his room but a notebook would keep it all in one place. I would suggest a notebook because you might need to take extra notes and that is where you could take them. One other thing is always have a pencil you never know when you are going to need it but always have one on you.

Lastly for you incoming 8th graders to know is that Mr. Jones is a little silly, he will act silly sometimes, and it could get a little annoying but the class is pretty simple overall. One last thing, don't stress about your classes in 8th grade. They will end up being even easier than you thought. Just stay on top of your work and next thing you know you will be a freshman in high school.