



8th Grade Honors Social Studies Summer Assignments

Honors Requirements (Prerequisites):

- At least a score of 85 or higher on 7th grade Language Arts MAP tests.
 - This is extremely important, as the level of reading and vocabulary in this course is far above grade level!
- 7th grade social studies teacher's recommendation.
 - There is an extremely high correlation between the 7th grade teacher's recommendation and success in 8th grade honors social studies!
- Strong ability to independently read and analyze primary source documents and use those to construct academic writing pieces.
- Understanding that this course will, at various times, require significant amounts of time outside of class to complete readings, assignments, projects, and other assessments.
- Strong ability to independently organize and manage their course work.
- Exemplary school attendance.

Important Note: The curriculum for the 8th grade honors social studies class is specifically written for students who meet ALL of the above requirements. The reading and writing expectations of the class are far above the 8th grade level.

Summer Assignments:

1. Carefully read and study the "Colonization of North America from 1607-1750" packet.
 - Recommendations: Read multiple times, highlight, take notes, anotate, etc.
2. Pay close attention to the terms, people, groups, events, etc. on the terms list.
 - Recommendations: Create flashcards with notecards or electronically.

Assessment:

Test over the "Colonization of North America" on the first day of school. The test will cover the packet, images, and term list. The test questions will not be "easy," as they are designed to test the depth of your understanding.

The grade will count, so make sure you prepare prior to the start of the school year. **I do not allow "retakes" on any assessments.**

If you think you will be more successful in the on-level class, or you are unwilling or unable to complete the summer assignments, please contact your counselor or the counseling department at 330-523-3405 to change your schedule.