

Humanities in Action

A Presentation
to the
Manhasset Board of Education
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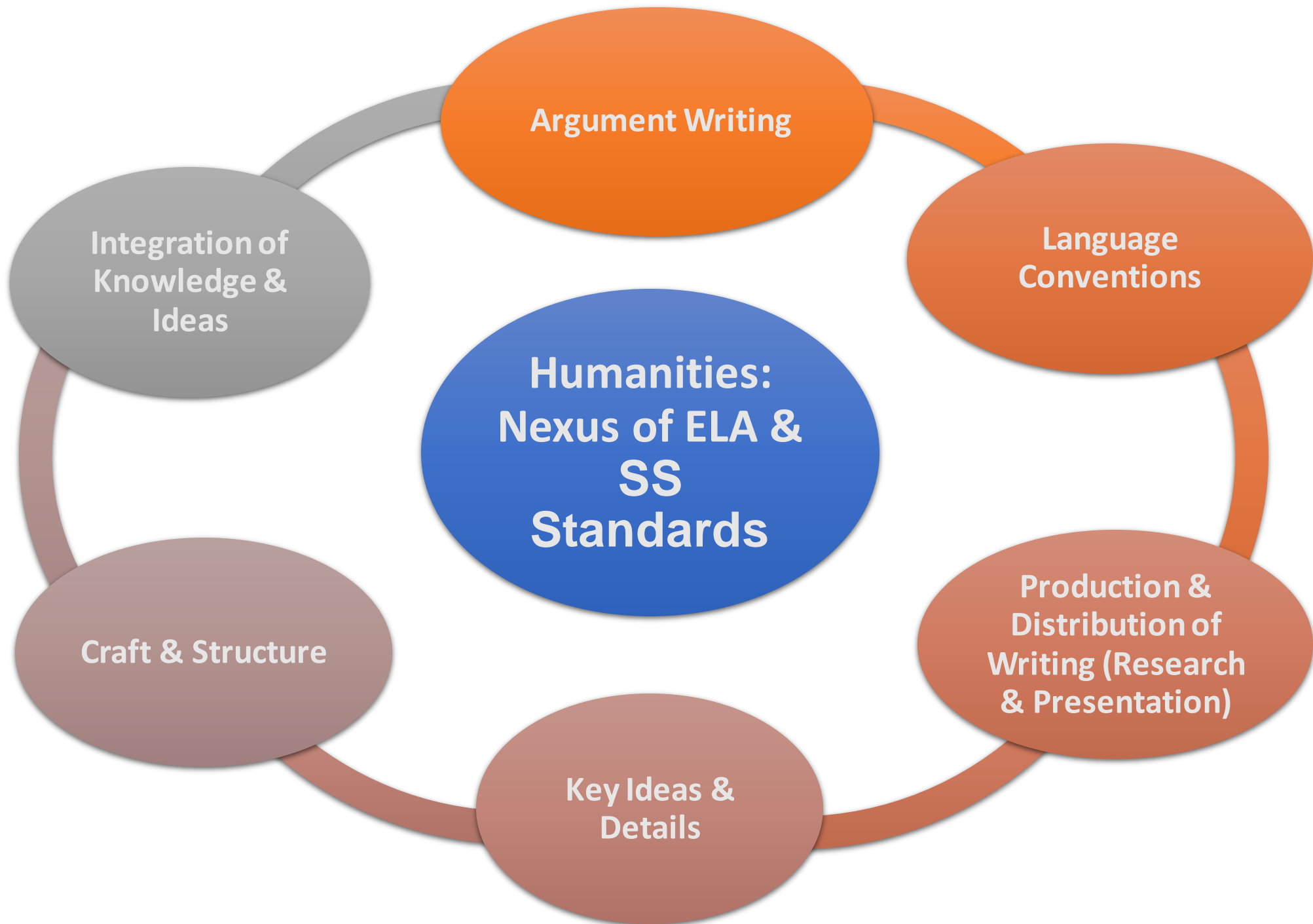


Presentation Overview

- Why are the Humanities essential at this point in history?
- Humanities in action: 2022-23
- Future goals for the Humanities program

District Goals:
2022-23



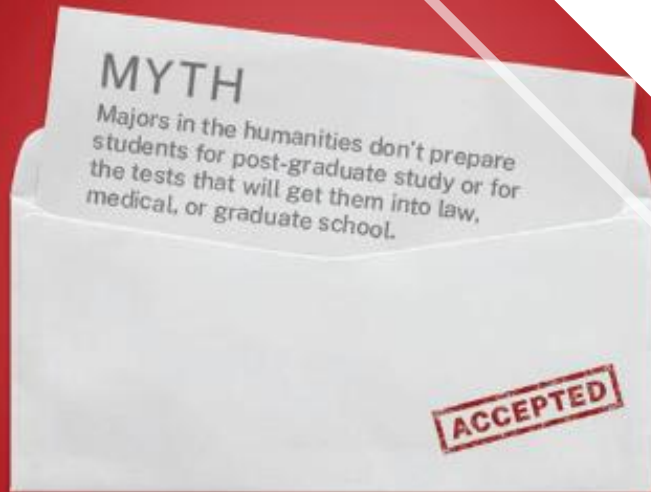


**What matters
now is not the
skills you have but
how you think.**

Can you ask the right questions?
Do you know what problem you're
trying to solve in the first place?

HARVARD
BUSINESS
REVIEW

Humanities Myths Debunked



Goals of Humanities Alignment

- Critical Thinking
- Information/Media Literacy
- Research
- Effective communication
- Expanding Problem Solving Capacity
- Citizenship and Leadership
- Create a pathway for Humanities students





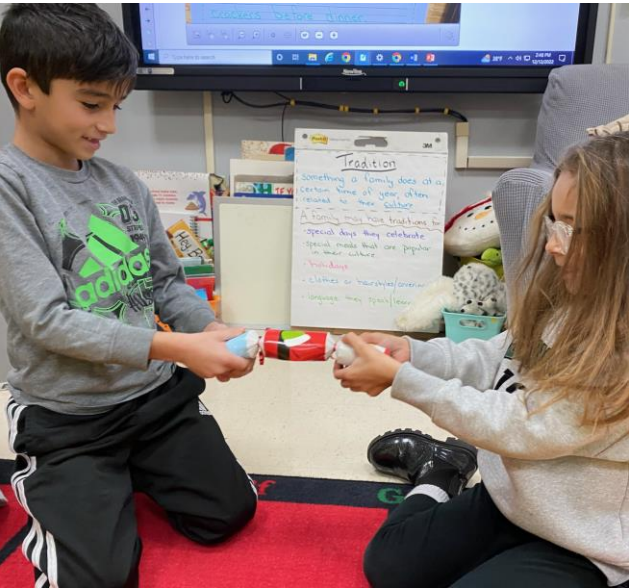
Humanities Updates: Elementary Social Studies

K-6 Budgetary initiatives funded from previous year

- Summer curriculum writing grade 1
- Grade 3: *Red Trunk Project*
- *National Geographic Giant Maps, North America, Asia*
- Grade 5: [Level Up Village Kenya](#)

K-6 Budgetary Initiatives requesting funding for upcoming year

- Summer curriculum writing grade 2
- Atlases grade k-2



Humanities Updates: Elementary ELA

- K-6 Teachers College Reading and Writing Project implementation completed
- Focus on refining and enhancing program:
 - Small Group Instruction/Intervention
 - Review and Revision of K-2 Reading and Supportive Reading programs to integrate Science of Reading research
 - Classroom: in conjunction with TCRWP
 - Staff Development: "Six Shifts" with Kari Yates
 - January 2023: Review and revision of K-6 "word work" curriculum (phonics, vocabulary, & grammar)

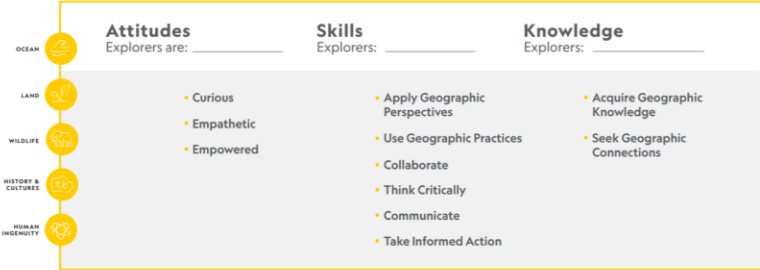




A cellphone before their were cellphones in Star Trek 'The Cage' (CBS/Getty Images)

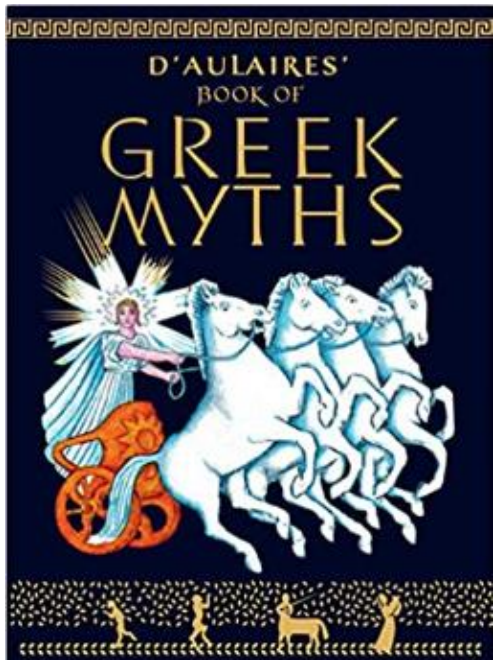
THE EXPLORER MINDSET FRAMEWORK

A guide to developing the Explorer Mindset in the next generation of planetary stewards



Elementary Enrichment Updates:
Grade 5: *Think Like an Explorer*

Europe, galaxy,
marathon, marmalade,
melancholy



Elementary Enrichment Updates:
Grade 6: *Greek Myths You Need
to Know*





Secondary English

- Broadcast Journalism Sequence Expansion
- Media Club Restructuring
- Professional Development (cognitive bias, logical fallacies)



- **Ongoing Excellence:**
- *Great Beings Research Project (grade 7)*
- *Spoken Word Poetry (grade 11)*
- *Passion Projects (grade 11)*
- *Humans of Manhasset (grade 10)*
- *Shark Tank (grade 11)*
- *Bring it On Home (grade 12)*

Secondary Social Studies

Professional Development

Inquiry, media literacy, building consensus

Civic Literacy

- Close-Up Foundation

Ongoing Excellence

Modern Philosopher Research Project (gr. 10)

Shark Tank Market Revolution

Project (gr. 11)

Stock Market TD Bank (gr. 12)

Podcast/Ted Talks Project (grades 11, 12)



Gold Coast Arts & International Film Festival

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Careers in the Arts Speaker Series

A series of FREE virtual workshops for high school students throughout Long Island and the greater New York region

Wednesday, January 18
7:30pm; Live on ZOOM

Focus on the Film & Entertainment Industry



JIM FAGAN

Vice President of Development for Ish Entertainment; Comedy Central Producer, Director & Writer



LAURA SCHUTZEL

Award-winning Casting Director for Broadway, Off-Broadway and Regional Theater; Audition Coach.



JON WALDMAN

NYC-based Cinematographer; owner/operator of Waldman Productions, a full-service creative production company.



CAROLINE SOROKOFF

Moderator
Festival Director: *Gold Coast Int'l Film Festival*; Associate Director: *Gold Coast Arts Center*.

FREE to attend but you must register in advance.

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Panel #2: International Film Markets

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Prashant Gupta
Actor/Producer who has starred in nearly 14 Indian feature films & shows (in an industry widely known as Bollywood). He also produced and starred in an American film called *A NEW CHRISTMAS* (partially shot in Manhasset), on Amazon Prime.

Anne Kang
Principle at Amazon, where she works with Prime Video and Amazon Studios on international growth opportunities and series including *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*.

Attendees will earn one hour of service credit. Use QR code below to register.

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Tuesday, November 22
7:00pm; Live on ZOOM

"How Can Young Filmmakers Get Started in the Entertainment Industry?"

DAVID GOLDBERG
Founder and President, *Digital Watermark Corporate Communication Production*; veteran audio & video producer.

EMORY PARKER
Co-founder of B Video Production; two-time Telly Award winning produce director/writer; Manhasset High Alumnus.

DAVID PATERSON
Actor, Screenwriter, Stuntman, and Film & TV Producer; Credits include *The Bridge to Terabithia* and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*.

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2022-23 Humanities Speaker Series

Additional Collaborations & Connections

- Upcoming Humanities presentations and Speakers:
 - CAANH, SCA
 - Skyler Chin
 - Kimmy Yam
 - Gold Coast Arts & International Film Festival





Looking Forward

Investigations:

- National History Day
- Middle School Enrichment Opportunities
- NYSED Seal Of Civic Readiness

Thank you!

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