



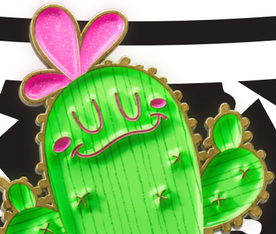




SAN PASQUAL UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL

Back to School Night 2026-27







HOMEROOM TEACHERS

6TH GRADE

6A: Heather Jovin

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6B: Amy Cutchin

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6C: Kim Read-Smith

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7TH GRADE

7A: Jenny Lynch

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7B: Megan Mueller

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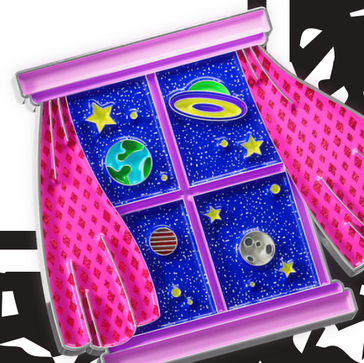
7C: Tim Harmon

tim.harmon@sanpasqualunion.net

8TH GRADE

8A: Jolene Mallory jolene.mallory@sanpasqualunion.net

8B: Megan Cottam megan.cottam@sanpasqualunion.net



GRADES

- Grades will be posted in ParentVue/StudentVue.
- To check details about an assignment, click on a class, teacher, or assignment for more information.
- Work missed due to absence may be marked as missing until completed and turned in.
- Late work will be accepted up to two weeks after the due date. There will be a 20% reduction.

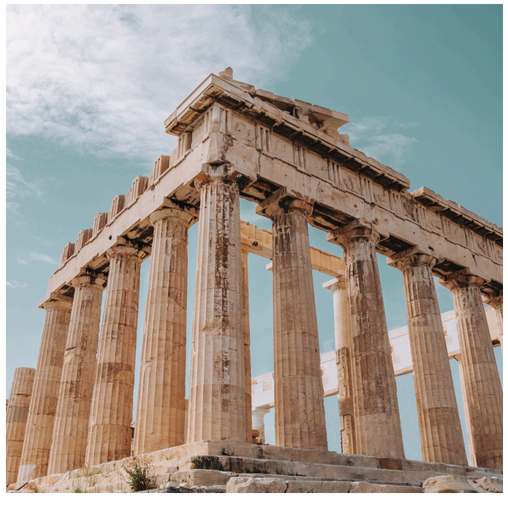




NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

GREECE/ITALY SUMMER 2028

If you are interested in attending, please see Tim Harmon!



East Coast Trip June 2027 for this year's 7th and 8th grade students

SAFARI PARK EDUCATION





COMMUNICATION IN MS!

Please check Planners/Agendas
for daily assignments!

The MS newsletter will be updated weekly with important and current information. Here is the link to the current Newsletter. You can also find the link on the Middle School website.

Independent Study Contracts

ELA

Science

Math

History

Exploratory

6th Grade Reminders | **7th Grade Reminders** | **8th Grade Reminders**

6TH GRADE REMINDERS

FIELD TRIPS:

DECEMBER 15TH: SAFARI PARK

APRIL 23RD: SAN DIEGO ZOO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

ART DOCENT

HARVEST FESTIVAL

BASKET FOR AUCTION

GARDEN PARENT

*CONTACT YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER IF INTERESTED

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7TH GRADE REMINDERS

FIELD TRIPS:

DECEMBER 8TH: SAFARI PARK

MARCH 23RD: SAN DIEGO ZOO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

ART DOCENT

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8TH GRADE REMINDERS

FIELD TRIPS:

WINTER: SAFARI PARK

SPRING: SAN DIEGO ZOO

JUNE: KNOTTS BERRY FARM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

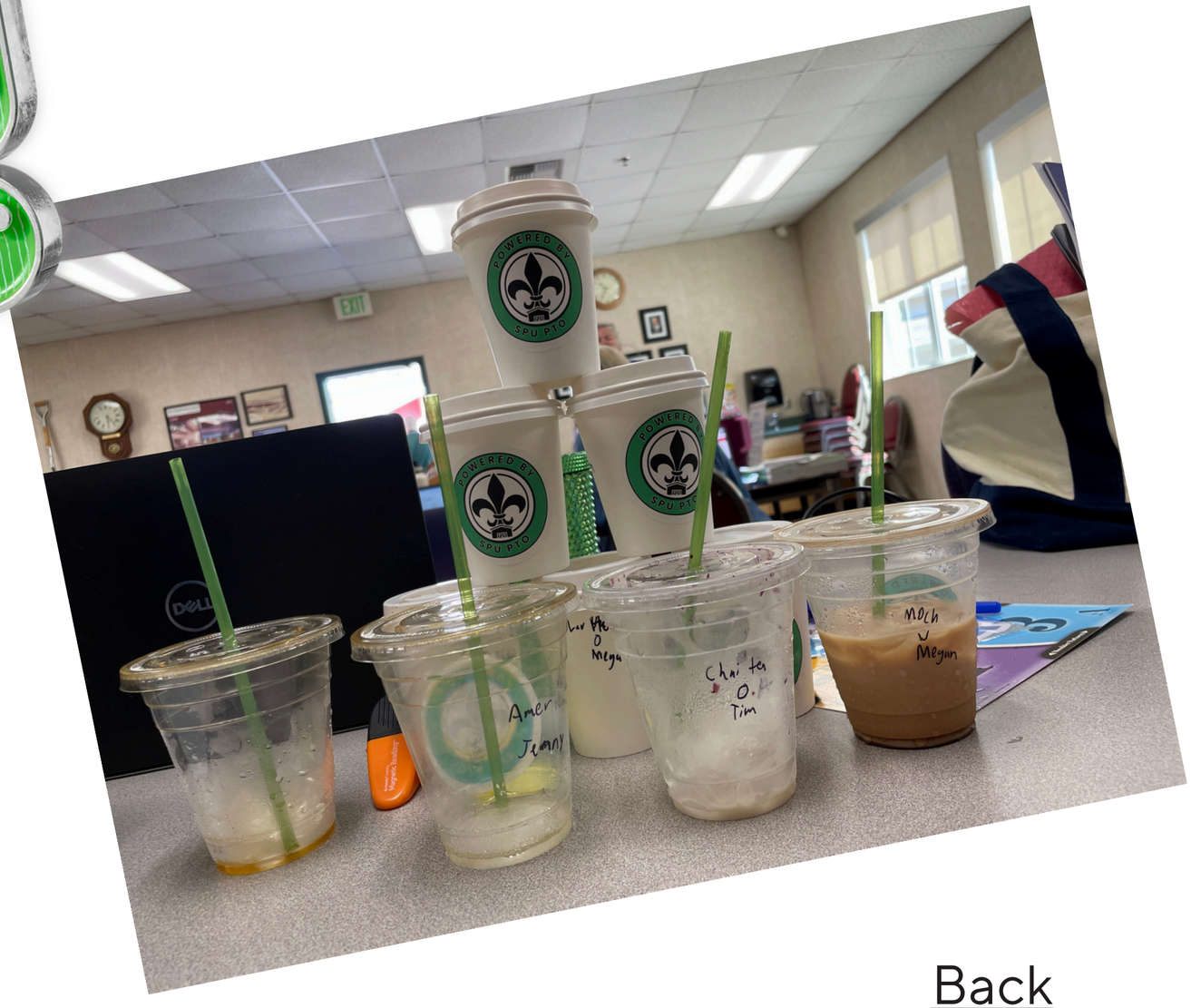
ART DOCENT

HARVEST FESTIVAL

BASKET FOR AUCTION

8TH GRADE BREAKFAST

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WE ARE EXCITED FOR A FUN YEAR!

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CURRICULUM: MATHEMATICS







MATHEMATICS

Syllabus: Assignments, grading policies, and topics of study can be found in our syllabus. The syllabus is posted in every class's Google classroom and is also available here.

Curriculum: We use the i-Ready mathematics curriculum. Students will be provided with workbooks for classroom instruction.

Tests: Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Study guides, which mirror tests, will be given out a day or two in advance. Students may retake tests if they score lower than a 70% and speak to the teacher regarding their score.

Quizzes: Students will have a quiz (typically 5 or 6 questions) every week to two weeks. Quizzes may not be retaken. Quizzes are worth half as much as tests or projects.



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GRADES

Grading Breakdown:

- Tests, Quizzes, and Projects: 50%
- IXL & MyPath: 25%
- Classwork and Homework: 25%

IXL: IXL is a program that provides extra practice on skills. Skills are assigned every month, and the students' goal is to get a SmartScore of 90 in each assigned skill. If IXL is not completed by the end of the month, it will not be accepted.

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EXPECTATIONS

Students will complete their i-Ready math diagnostic the week of 8/31. Along with in-class i-Ready instruction, students will have digital MyPath assignments, which will provide targeted instruction and support based upon individual student needs. Students will be given time in RTI to complete their weekly minutes.

Classwork will be assigned daily by each teacher. Work missed due to absences will be required to be completed two weeks after returning to school. Students will be given homework regularly throughout the week.

6TH GRADE MATH

The main concepts we'll be focusing on this year include expressions and algebraic equations, decimal and fraction division, ratios and ratio reasoning, writing and solving single variable equations, positive and negative numbers, and statistical thinking.



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7TH GRADE MATH

The main concepts we'll be focusing on this year are proportional relationships, operations with integers, algebraic thinking through equations and inequalities, proportional reasoning, percents, volume and surface area, and probability.



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8TH GRADE MATH

The main concepts that will be discussed this year include rigid transformations of shapes on a coordinate plane, dilations and symmetry of shapes, angle relationships in triangles, linear relationships, functions, integer exponents, real numbers, the Pythagorean Theorem, and statistics.



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CURRICULUM: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



Reading Curriculum: Students will read class novels both in class and at home, as well as stories and articles from their textbooks.

Independent Reading: We will have library time for independent reading every other week. Students will choose an independent reading novel as soon as they receive their reading levels (next week). Students will take accelerated reading tests upon completion of their books.

Grammar - Students will practice grammar daily.

Writing Curriculum: SPU's Writing Curriculum is standards-based and focuses on a variety of writing with a heavy emphasis on: Narrative, Expository and Argumentative Writing- Responses to Literature

Grading

Summative: 50%

Formative: 35%

Participation: 15%



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WRITING CLASS



SPU's Writing course is a standards- based course that covers a variety of writing genres with an emphasis on narrative, argumentative and explanatory writing.

Students will go through the entire writing process from brainstorming ideas to typing their edited and revised final drafts.

Grading

Summative: 50%

Formative: 35%

Participation: 15%

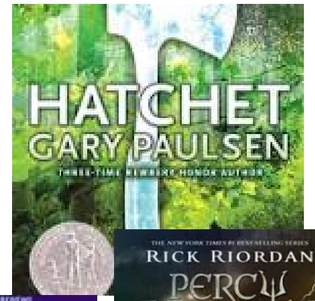


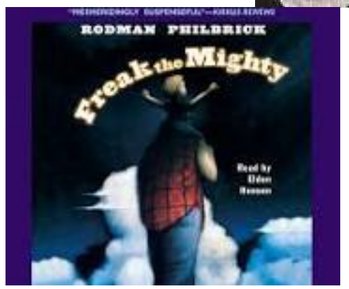
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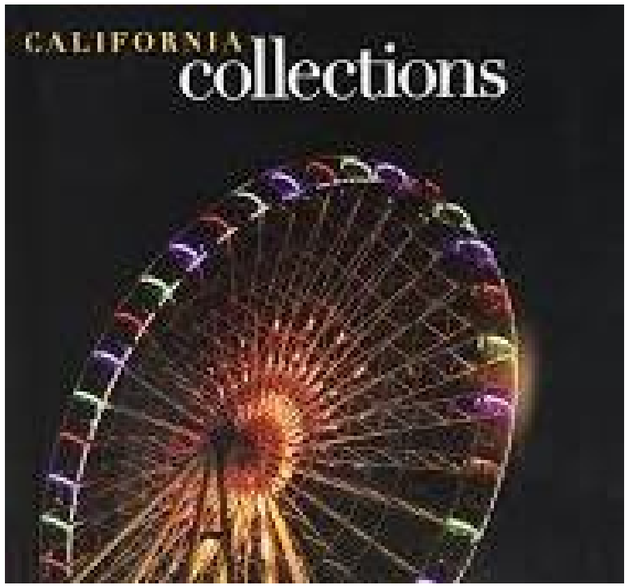
Textbook:

- Houghton Mifflin California Collections









Class Novels:

- T1: Hatchet
- T2: Freak the Mighty
- T3: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief

Independent Novels:

- Accelerated Reader
- Library- every other week

5-A-Day Practice and Quiz

Grading

Summative: 50%

Formative: 35%

Participation: 15%

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7TH: ELA

Textbook:

- Houghton Mifflin California Collections

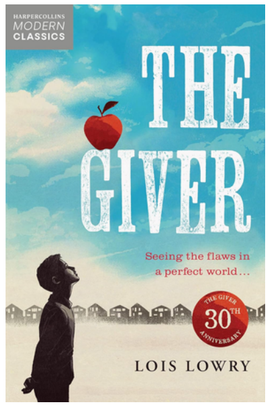
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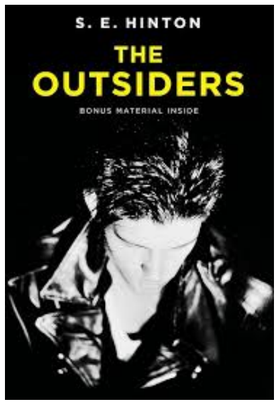
- T1: The Giver
- T2: Shadow Spinner
- T3: The Outsiders

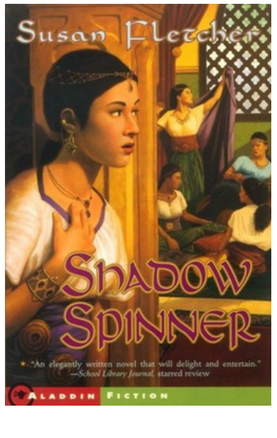
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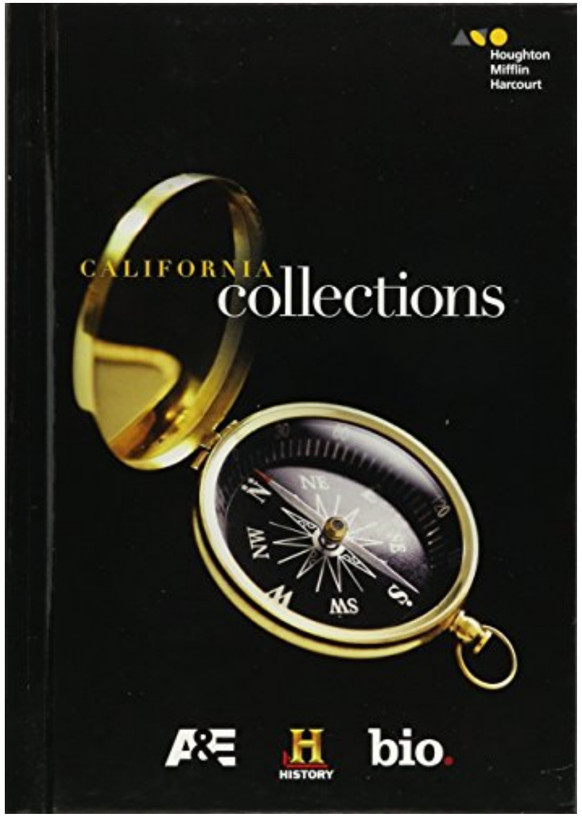
- Accelerated Reader
- Library- every other week

5-A-Day Practice and Quiz Back









Grading

Summative: 50%

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Participation: 15%

8TH: ELA

Textbook:

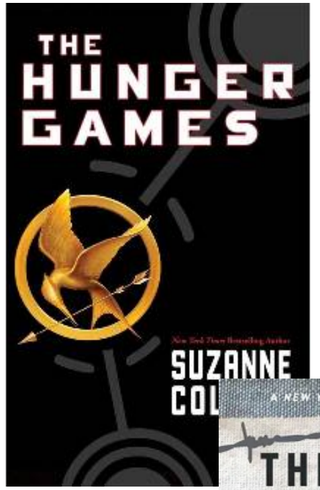
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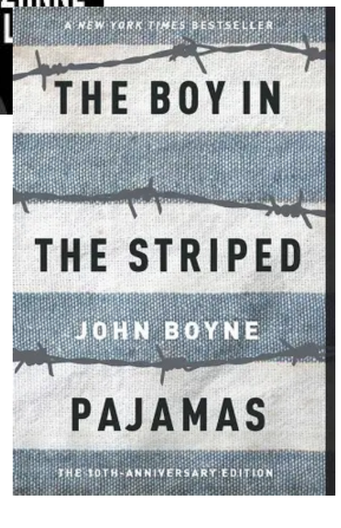
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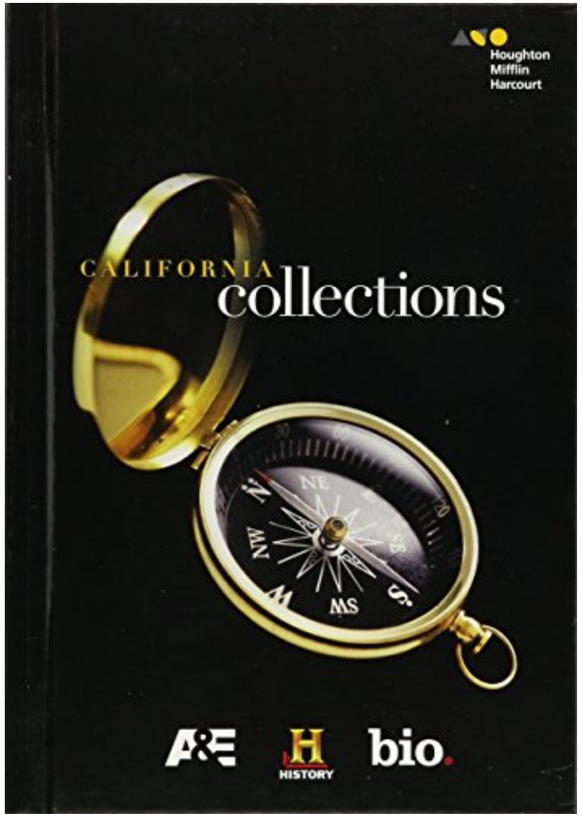
- T1: *The Hunger Games*
- T2: TBD
- T3: *Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

Independent Novels:

- Accelerated Reader and Projects
- Library- every other Thursday







Grading

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CURRICULUM: SCIENCE



SCIENCE

STEMscopes™ K-12 SCIENCE

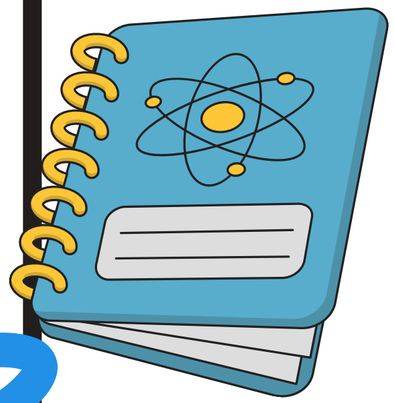


Notebooks:

Student notebooks contain notes, vocabulary, student work etc. These are great study guides for upcoming assessments.

Assessments:

Students will take quizzes, tests, and CER assessments throughout each unit.



Grading:

Assignments / Labs / Homework: 50%
Quizzes/Tests/CERs: 50%
*Tests and CERs are double the weight of Quizzes.

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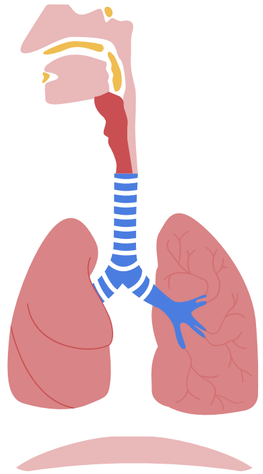
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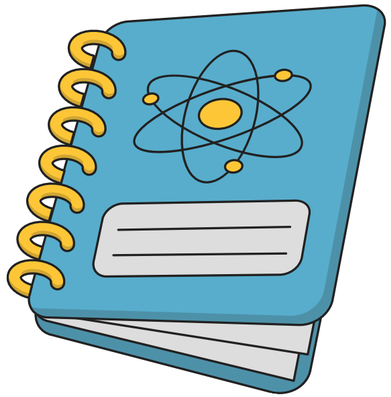




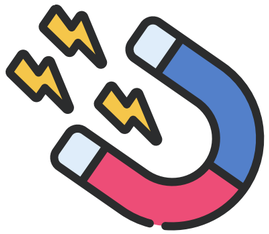


Grade	Cross Cutting Concepts	Life	Earth	Physical	Engineering
Sixth	Patterns; structure and function; systems and system models	Cells and Organisms	Weather and climate	Energy	Engineering Technology and Science Standards (ETS)





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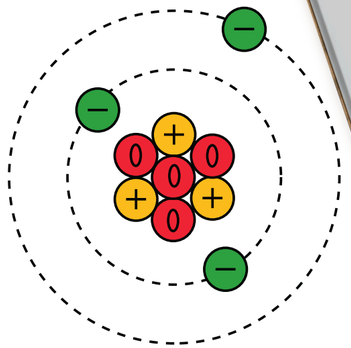


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7TH SCIENCE







Grade	Cross Cutting Concepts	Life	Earth	Physical	Engineering
Seventh	Energy and Matter: flows, cycles, and conservation; cause and effect	Ecosystems	Natural resources	Structure and property of matter	ETS





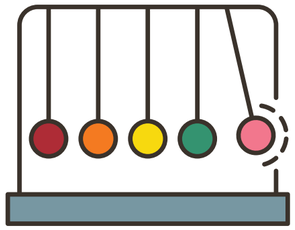
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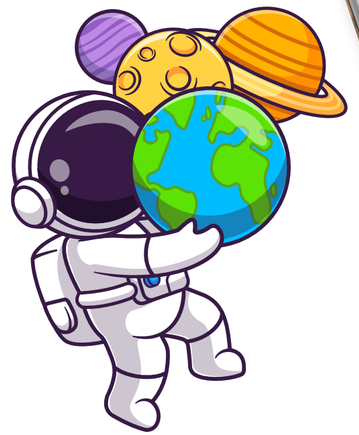


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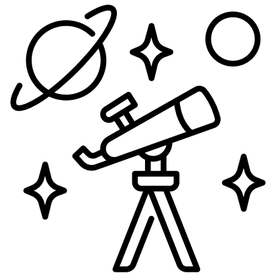


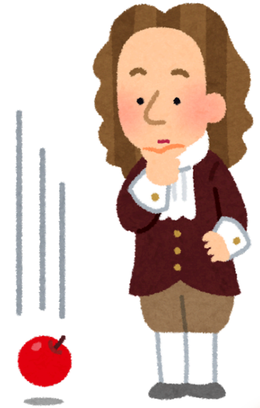






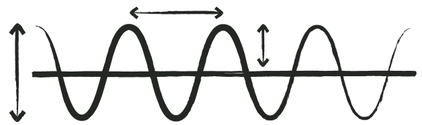
Grade	Cross Cutting Concepts	Life	Earth	Physical	Engineering
Eighth	Stability and change; scale, proportion and quantity	Natural Selection	History of the Earth Space systems	Waves and Electro-magnetic radiation Energy Forces and Interactions	ETS







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Quizzes/Tests/CERs: 50%
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CURRICULUM: HISTORY





MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY



Be sure to check Google Classroom and Agendas/Planners frequently for updates regarding student work. Textbooks are on the Clever Desktop and in the Classroom.

Grading

Summative: 50%

Formative: 35%

Participation: 15%

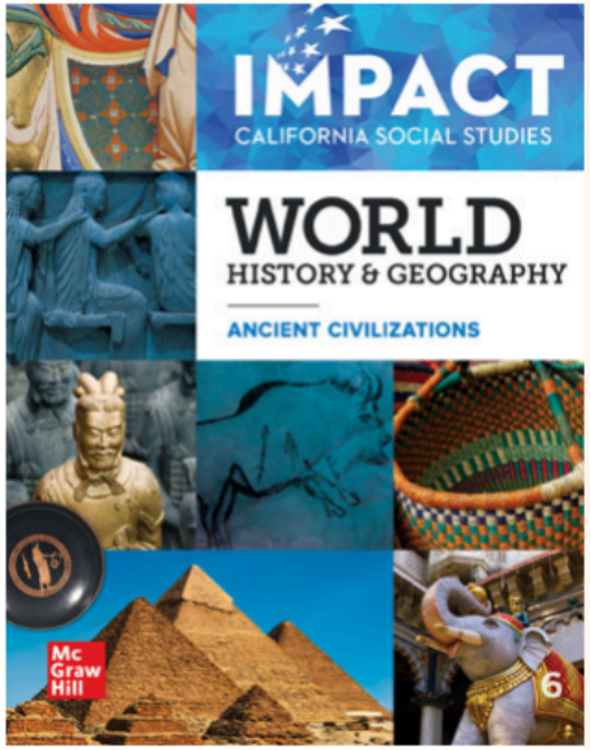
History Notebook:

All lecture notes, handouts, vocabulary and class activities are recorded in the History notebook for a grade. (These are easy points and is a great study guide to prep for assessments!)

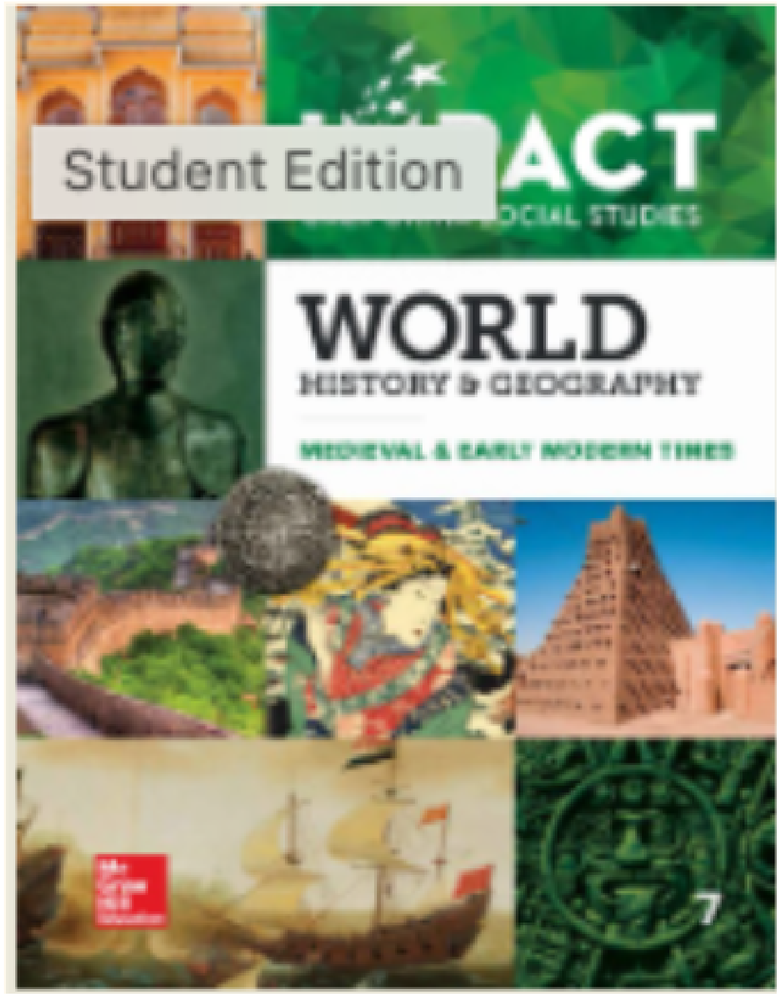


6TH: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

Unit 1: Early Humans/Agriculture, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Kush, and Israel
Unit 2 India, China, and the Americas
Unit 3 The Greeks, Romans, and Early Christianity



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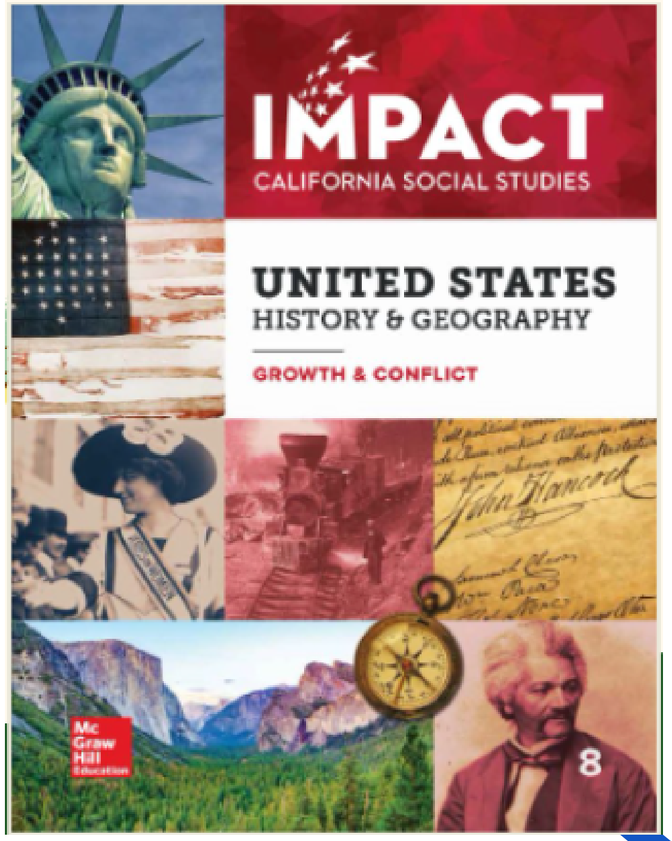
7TH: MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN TIMES

Unit 1: New Empires and New Faiths-Fall of Rome and the Rise of Christianity, Byzantine, Islam, Africa and India.
Unit 2 China, Korea, Japan and Medieval Europe,
Unit 3 A Changing World: Renaissance/Enlightenment, The Age of Exploration and Trade/ The Americas

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8TH: US HISTORY

Unit 1: A Changing World
Unit 2: Creating a Nation
Unit 3: Launching the Republic
Unit 4 The Young Republic
Unit 5 Civil War and Reconstruction
Unit 6 Reshaping the Nation



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CURRICULUM: PE

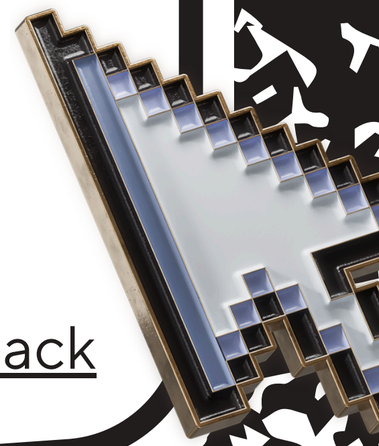
Mrs. Hanson, 6th, 7th, and 8th

Email: sarah.hanson@sanpasqualunion.net

PE Days: Tuesday and Wednesday

Requirements: Athletic attire and tennis shoes. (No pants and sandals). Bring water and wear sunblock on hot days.

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EXPLORATORY

6th Grade Wheels

AMY CUTCHIN
French

HEATHER JOVIN
Health and Nutrition

KIM READ-SMITH
6th grade VAPA

7th and 8th Grade Exploratory Options

JOLENE MALLORY
Yearbook / TA

TIM HARMON
Film Production

JENNY LYNCH
Film Studies

MEGAN COTTAM
VAPA

MEGAN MUELLER
ASB

AMANDA GRANO
Spanish

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AMY CUTCHIN

EXPERIENCE

6th Grade STEM Teacher, SPU – 1 year
5th Grade Teacher, SPU – 7 years
Substitute Teacher, SPU – 12 years
Elementary Teacher (K–5) – 1 year

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Education National University
Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

LANGUAGES

French (fluent)

Beehive Wishlist



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HEATHER JOVIN

EXPERIENCE

11 years teaching Middle School

5 years Teaching Elementary

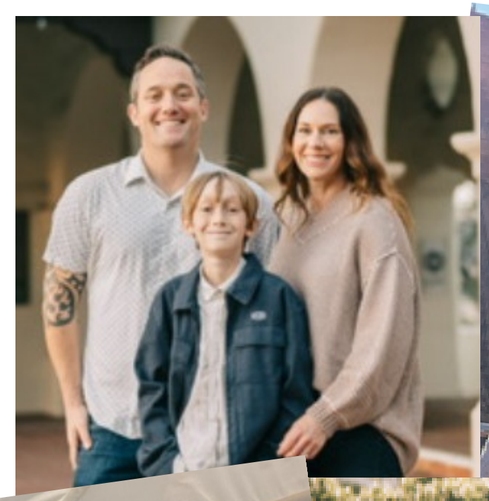
6th year at SPU

EDUCATION

Went to

CSUSM

Class Wishlist









KIM READ-SMITH

EXPERIENCE

3 years teaching middle school in Chicago, IL
1 year teaching middle school in Rancho Santa Fe
30 years TK-8th grade teacher, TK-8 music, SPUSD

EDUCATION

Bachelor's in Elementary Education with a minor in music, Olivet Nazarene University
M.A. Ed., Curriculum and Instruction: Integrated Teaching Through the Arts
Multiple Subject K-12, ESL supplement, general music supplement



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MEGAN MUELLER

EXPERIENCE

2 years as a Librarian in Oceanside Unified School District

3 years teaching at SPU

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Arts in English from SDSU



Scan to check out my classroom wishlist!

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JENNY LYNCH

EXPERIENCE

This is my 12th year at SPU and my 32nd year as a teacher.

EDUCATION

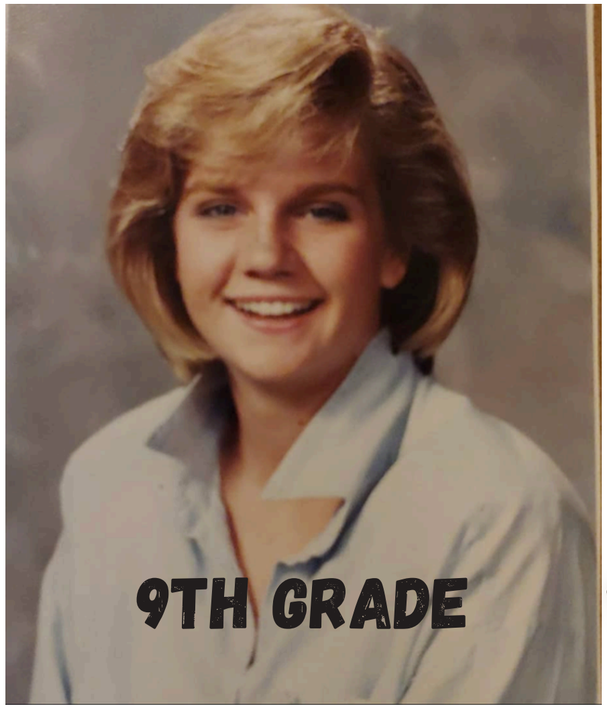
B.A. in English from UCSD

M.A. in English from University of Notre Dame

M.A. in International Affairs from UCSD

CREDENTIALS

Credentialed in English, science, and math



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TIM HARMON

EXPERIENCE

30 years teaching at SPU!

EDUCATION

B.A. and Teaching Credential from SDSU.

ABOUT ME

Married since 1994 with 2 adult children and one grandchild, love the Padres, Starbucks, dogs, the beach, and traveling!



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MEGAN COTTAM

EXPERIENCE

3rd year at SPU, 16 years of teaching experience

CREDENTIALS

Credentialed in English and History

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in History from University of California, Irvine

Masters Degree in Education from National University





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JOLENE MALLORY

EXPERIENCE

19 years at SPU, 15 in MS Science

2 years at EUSD

CREDENTIALS

Credentialed in Science, English and Multiple Subject

EDUCATION

B.A: English - UCSB

M.A. Ed: Biological Studies - Miami University





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AMANDA GRANO

SPU!

13 years at SPU Teaching Early Elementry K/1, ELD, Middle School Spanish Exploratory & DELAC Advisor

EDUCATION & EXPEIREENCE

B.A: Liberal Studies - CSUSM

Multi-Subject Teacher Credential Program - CSUSM

6 years K-8 at San Diego Unified

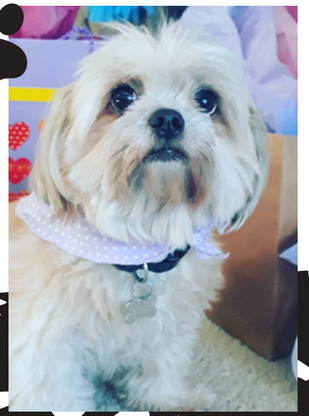
3 years at Harbor Summit Elem. 5th-8th for unhoused & homeless students

15+years as a trainer/educator at SeaWorld



SPU 2024 Teacher of the year!







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