

8th Grade Humanities

General Information

Welcome to 8th grade!

1. General Class Expectations

- a. I have high expectations of you as students and as members of the 8th grade and middle school communities.
- b. Each of you is expected to participate in class discussions and activities. This includes sharing or challenging ideas, asking questions, listening respectfully to each other, and much more.
- c. Most importantly, I expect you to **work hard, ask questions, help your peers, and respect all members of our community.**
- d. If you are struggling or need help, please let me know! We will work together this year to make sure that you are successful. Office hours are a great time to seek assistance.

2. Assignments

- a. All assignments must be handed in on time.
 - i. If you are unable to complete an assignment for a valid reason, please obtain a note from your parent. Staple the note to your assignment so that I know why it was late.
 - ii. Late assignments without a valid reason will be penalized. See the grading policy on the back of this sheet for more information.
- b. Your full name, the date, and class should be on every assignment you turn in.
- c. Submitted work should be thoughtful, complete, and neat. Please be sure to type or write neatly, and remove the scraggly edges of notebook paper.

3. Homework

- a. As an eighth grade Humanities student, you should expect to receive about 45 minutes of homework each night, excluding Fridays.
- b. All homework and assignments should be recorded in your planner each day.
 - i. Some assignments will be multiple-night assignments (for example, assigned Monday, due Thursday). Make sure to get started early, and don't wait until the last minute!
 - ii. Homework will always be posted in room 210.
- c. Use your red Humanities folder to transport your homework to and from school.
- d. If you don't have your homework, I will send a note home. Please have it signed and bring it back the following day.

4. Absenteeism

- a. If you are absent, **it is your responsibility to find out what you missed** – please ask another student for the day's work if you are absent. Otherwise, see me when you return, and I will provide assignments and notes.
- b. For each day you are absent, you have the same number of days to complete missing assignments.
 - i. For example, if you miss 1 day, you have 1 extra day to complete the assignment.
 - ii. If you are out of school for an extended period of time, we will create a plan for you to make up missing work together.

5. Class Materials

- a. Please bring the following to all Humanities classes each day:
 - i. Red Humanities folder
 - ii. Your pencil pouch
 - iii. Relevant books (such as our literature book)
 - iv. H.W. notebook

6. Sharing Classrooms

- a. The 8th grade will have classes in rooms 205 and 210 this year. Your schedule will reflect where to go for each period. It is our responsibility to keep both rooms tidy and clean.
- b. Before you leave any room, clean up your area and push in your chair.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HUMANITIES HOMEWORK/PROJECTS GRADING POLICY

The following applies to all homework/project assignments to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Teachers will review this policy with students during the first week of school to answer questions.

HOMEWORK

Timing	Credit Lost	Example
Homework turned in on time	0%	If assignment earned a 20/20 assignment will receive a 20/20.
Homework turned in one (1) day late	minus 5%	If assignment earned a 20/20 but was turned in one day late, assignment will receive a 19/20(95%).
Homework turned in two (2) days late	minus 10%	If assignment earned a 20/20 but was turned in two days late, assignment will receive a 18/20(90%).
Homework turned in between 3 days and 1 week late	Grade continues to decline by 5% per school day it is not turned in.	3 days late - 20/20 becomes 17/20(85%) 4 days late - 20/20 becomes 16/20(80%) 5 days late - 20/20 becomes 15/20(75%)
After one week	minus 50%	If assignment is turned in 1 week late, the maximum a student may earn is 50% of the grade.

PROJECTS AND INTERIM ASSIGNMENTS LEADING TO FINAL PROJECT

Timing	Credit Lost	Example
Assignment turned in on time	0%	If assignment earned a 100%, assignment will receive a 100%.
Assignment turned in one (1) day late ***	minus 10%	If assignment earned a 100% but was turned in one day late, assignment will receive a 90%.

*** Note: If a project or interim assignment (drafts, source listing, etc.) is missed, parents will be emailed by the teacher the evening of the missed assignment. Students can turn in assignment for credit (-10%) the next day. If assignment is not turned in the following day, but is turned in within one week, the assignment will receive a grade of 50%. If the assignment is never turned in, the assignment will receive a grade of 0%.