

6TH ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSE SYLLABUS

MRS. SHERMAN

2020-2021

Materials binder with dividers (ELA, GRAMMAR, WRITING, SOCIAL STUDIES), notebook paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, scissors, pencil pouch, index cards, textbooks, independent reading book, earbuds, pocket dictionary

Grading System Grades are based on the following criteria:

- *section notes and content
- *vocabulary and spelling
- *bell work
- *comprehension exercises
- *writing
- *homework
- *required independent reading
- *class participation
- *assessments (quizzes, tests, essays, projects)

Grading Scale 100-90 = **A** 89-80 = **B** 79-75 = **C**
74-70 = **D** 69 & lower = **F**

Independent Work Work is expected to be completed during class time; if not, I will decide if it may or may not become homework.

Homework Homework is due at the beginning of class. For long-term homework assignments, be responsible and organized; work in chunks and do not procrastinate.

Bell Work Bell work will be completed daily as soon as you enter the classroom. Some Examples of bell work are *Caught Ya! Grammar with a Giggle* (sentence editing), *180 Days of Social Studies*, Flocab. Week in Rap, and CNN 10.

Flocabulary We will use Flocabulary regularly for both ELA and social studies. We will also use the vocabulary component and the Week in Rap component (for current events). To join our class titled “Sherman’s 2020-2021 Kids,” go to the Flocabulary website, click JOIN CLASS, and enter our class code **FYF5NB**.

BrainPop We will use BrainPop regularly for both ELA and social studies. These videos and quizzes are great supplement/enrichment material for many topics we will study. To join our class titled “Sherman’s 2020-2021 Kids,” go to the Brain Pop website, click ENTER CODE, and enter our class code **walnut0217**.

CommonLit We will use CommonLit for its variety of short stories and articles that support literacy and critical thinking. To join our class titled “Sherman’s 2020-2021 Kids,” go to the CommonLit website, click SIGN UP, choose I AM A STUDENT, and enter our class code **VPG75R**.

Units of Study *ELA*

In 6th grade ELA we will dig deeper into important grammar skills that will enhance your writing. We will still read class novels, but we will not read one novel each nine weeks like in 5th grade. We will read more short stories and informational texts this Year, and we will, of course, be writing five-paragraph essays. The parts of this course are all integrated; we will study grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and the genres of literature from the perspective of a reader and a writer.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Sixth grade social studies is world history. We will study the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Nubia, India, China, Greece, Rome, Africa, and Asia, as well as Europe in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance & Reformation. This year, you will be strengthening your note-taking skills, which will require neatness and organization.

Textbooks *History of our World* and *Write Source*

Take care of your textbooks and keep them covered at all times.

Studying Quiz and test dates will always be given well in advance, so do not wait until the night before a quiz or test to begin studying. Flash cards, flappies, and Quizlet are great study tools.

Headings

All assignments must have an MLA heading in the upper left. The first line is the student's name (first and last). The second line is the teacher's name. The third line is the class and grade (ELA 6, for example). The fourth line is the date, in the following order: date, month, and year (12 August 2020, for example). Under this, a title for your assignment should be written in the center of the top line of your paper.

Class Rules and Expectations

Always follow the “**Be-Attitudes**”

Be kind--Be respectful--Be responsible--Be safe (and this year I think we can add a few more: *Be sure to social distance--Be sure to sanitize your hands frequently--Be sure to wear your mask--Be sure to not touch your face 😊*)

You are expected to come into class in a quiet, respectful way and be prepared to Learn and work.

Handbook

All students are responsible for knowing, understanding, and following the ACS Parent/Student Handbook as well as the Middle School Classroom Management Plan as laid out in the Middle School Handbook.

Safety

It is very important this school year to be diligent with safety and hygiene. Having your own pocket sanitizer is a good idea. We will also be frequently washing our hands. Make sure that if you cough or sneeze, you do so into the crook of your elbow, even while wearing your mask. You must wear your mask unless you are eating or drinking from your water bottle. This will be a challenge for everyone, I'm sure, but it is essential to protect ourselves and our classmates. We can do this!

EVEN THOUGH SCHOOL WILL BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM OUR NORM THIS YEAR, ALWAYS KNOW THAT I WILL GIVE MY ALL AND DO MY BEST TO TEACH YOU AND CARE FOR YOU. AIR HUGS AND LOVE TO YOU ALL! --MRS. SHERMAN

Cut on the line above and return the bottom portion to Mrs. Sherman on the next school day. Parents and students, together, please review this course syllabus and sign below indicating that you have read and understood the information.

Student signature

Date

Parent signature

Date