

6TH ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSE SYLLABUS

MRS. SHERMAN

2021-2022

Materials binder (with dividers for *ELA, GRAMMAR, WRITING, SOCIAL STUDIES*), notebook paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, markers/colored pencils, scissors, pencil pouch, index cards, textbooks, I.R.R. book, earbuds, planner, personal laptop/tablet & charger

Grading System Grades are based on the following criteria:

- *section notes and content
- *vocabulary and spelling
- *bell work
- *comprehension exercises
- *writing
- *homework
- *independent required 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 *Flocabulary vocabulary units, Week in Rap, and BrainPOP* videos/quizzes, *IXL*, and *CNN10*.

Website Check my website acssherman.weebly.com daily for important information, including quiz dates, test dates, other important due dates, and extra credit.

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 2021-2022 Kids,” go to the *Flocabulary* website, click JOIN CLASS, and enter our class code **GTN9B4**.

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 2021-2022 Kids,” go to the *BrainPop* website, click ENTER CODE, and enter our class code **face8496**.

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 2021-2022 Kids,” go to the *CommonLit* website, click SIGN UP, choose I AM A STUDENT, and enter our class code **PWYRRR**.

Scholastic SCOPE We will use *Scholastic SCOPE* magazine in ELA. Each issue has a narrative nonfiction, a readers theater, paired texts, a fiction passage, poetry, an opinion essay kit, and grammar exercises. *SCOPE* is great for preparing kids for the ACT Aspire and future ELA courses, and the content is always relevant and enjoyable.

Units of Study *ELA*
In 6th grade ELA we will dig deeper into important grammar skills that will enhance your writing. We will read class novels, but we will not read one novel each nine weeks. We will read many 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, 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.

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, Kahoot! and Quizlet are all 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

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 still very important this school year to be diligent with safety and hygiene. Sanitizing and washing your hands throughout the day is important, as well as sanitizing your laptop/tablet daily. Keeping a 3-foot distance when indoors is mandatory. Make sure that if you cough or sneeze, you do so into the crook of your elbow, even if you're wearing your mask. We must be diligent so that everyone is as safe as possible at all times.

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