

Social Studies Newsletter



Welcome to 8 grade

Hi, my name is Al Guerriero and welcome to 8 grade social studies. Most students call me Mr. Guerriero or Mr. G. My co-teacher is Mr. Piccigallo (he is assigned to the ICT social studies class) and our email appears on the upper right hand corner of this newsletter. We are truly looking forward to working with each student this year.

Undoubtedly this school year will be like no other, as we are living in the middle of a global pandemic. Despite the fact that the coronavirus has altered our routines and lives, WE, as a school community, will get through this challenging time. One thing that I would like to bring to your attention is how we are living history right now. Many historians are writing chapters about their thoughts related to the pandemic.

As a result, one weekly homework assignment that I would like to introduce to you is a weekly blog. Also, some of the other topics we will be learning this year are the following:

- [The Reconstruction Era](#)
- [Industrialization/Immigration](#)
- [The Progressive Movement](#)
- [US imperialism](#)
- [WW I](#)
- [The Roaring Twenties & Great Depression](#)
- [WW II](#)
- [The Cold War](#)

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The Weekly Blog!

The purpose of the weekly blog is for all 8th grade students to respond to our present situation or other current events. You are all eyewitnesses to this historic time. It is, therefore, essential to record this moment for future generations. You will be encouraged to express your thoughts, opinions and create questions on our blog. The blog will be assessed as part of your homework and participation grade.

Where will the blog be?

Our blog will be located on our website-
www.lesyounghistorians.com.

*Please copy the link for future assignments. Students will be encouraged to create their own topics on the blog if they wish.

***Grading policy will be forthcoming at a later time**

Expectations while in school

Expectations while at home learning

What to Bring to School Each Day: this applies to students who chose blended learning.

- **Safety:** Mask, hand sanitizer, wipes
- **Electronic Supplies:** Device, charger, and headphones—charge all devices the night before
- **Other Supplies:** pencil case with specific class materials (pencils, pens, markers, expo markers, post-its,

Practice Social Distancing

- Always 6 ft. apart to ensure safety of you and other students
- Right hand on wall
- Permission to get up out of seat (bathroom, walk break, etc.)

Entrance/Exit & Lunch Schedules:

- Use entrance ___ for entering the building
- Grab breakfast and walk directly to your classroom
 - Lunch will be provided to you in the classroom

Other

- No Locker use
- Plan accordingly (Bring your own backpack, etc.)
 - Your backpack will stay with you at all times

Google Meets Expectations:

- When joining all GoogleMeets it is suggested that your camera be on & mics off ---to avoid confusion.
- Find a workspace in your home where you can focus.
- Behave appropriately while online, **ALL** Google Meet sessions are recorded and your actions on your ps126mat.com account is tracked.
- There is a **zero tolerance policy** for inappropriate online behavior.

Virtual Learning Etiquette

- This is a new style of teaching and we are all still adjusting.
- Be patient and flexible with Internet issues or lagging.
- Email response time as your teachers may be live teaching when you email a question.
- Just as you wouldn't interrupt when someone is talking, please give some time for a teacher to respond to your comments on Google Meets. (Don't send the same comment multiple times)

Special note: Again our website is= www.lesyounghistorians.com we will be asking all students to use the website during the course of the school year.

***Please remember the grading policy will be forthcoming at a later time**