

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities Course Outline**

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<p><b>Homework websites: <a href="http://www.lincoln.smmusd.org">www.lincoln.smmusd.org</a> (use Staff Directory to select teacher)</b></p>	

7th Grade Essential Questions:

### ***Who Am I? What is a Worthwhile Life?***

Along with asking these questions of ourselves, we will ask them of historical and literary figures we study. At the end of the year, students will compile and present their answers in the Who Am I? Project and share them with a community member during their Worthwhile Life interview.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Medieval World History</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade English</b>
<p>Medieval Europe Rise of Islam Culture and Kingdoms of West Africa Imperial China Medieval Japan Civilizations of the Americas Europe's Renaissance and Reformation Europe Enters the Modern Age</p>	<p>Students will read poetry, essays, novels and short stories. In addition to a variety of writing assignments, we will use the writing process to explore argument, narrative, and expository writing. In alignment with the California Common Core Standards, we will be reading, synthesizing, and responding to multiple informational texts.</p>

### **Recommended Materials:**

3-ring binder or folders with separate sections labeled

3 highlighters (different colors)

Pens (blue or black ink), pencils, AND a red pen

Loose-leaf paper, no fringes

Post-its (3 x 3)

Reading book for Homebase everyday

Who Am I? Project materials: 1" binder and 25 sheet protectors (not needed until May)

<p><b>Classroom Expectations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be on time. Be in your seat, ready to work when the bell rings.</li> <li>2. Follow directions.</li> <li>3. Be respectful. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Use appropriate language.</li> <li>4. Be responsible. Bring appropriate materials to class every day.</li> <li>5. Make learning your top priority.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Consequences</b></p> <p>Students who do not follow classroom expectations may receive the following consequences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Warning</li> <li>2. Teacher detention/intervention</li> <li>3. School detention and parent contact</li> <li>4. Severe Cases = immediate office referral and parent contact</li> </ol>
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**Homework:**

When homework is given, its purpose is to extend classroom learning. It is due at the beginning of the period. *Following school policy, late work will result in Guided Study so that important learning is not missed.* More details about the Guided Study program will follow in a separate letter.

**Absences:**

If you are sick, it is **your responsibility** to make up missed work. If there is a planned absence, you must ask your teacher for missed work in advance. Please give your teacher ample time to prepare the work. Here are some strategies to help you catch up on missed work:

- ✓ Check the class website for missed work.
- ✓ Call a study buddy from class.
- ✓ See your teachers after school.

**Office Hours:**

We are here to support and help you! If you would like extra help, please make an appointment to meet with your teacher after school.

**Grading:**

Grades are cumulative. All points earned will be added up and divided by the total possible points to determine the percentage and letter grade. See grading scale below.

A+	100%	B+	87-89%	C+	77-79%	D+	67-69%	F	50%
A	93-99%	B	83-86%	C	73-76%	D	63-66%		
A-	90-92%	B-	80-82%	C-	70-72%	D-	51-62%		

**Retakes:**

Students who earn a grade lower than a “C” may have an opportunity to retake the assignment to improve their grade through an alternative assignment/retake. The maximum grade that a student can earn on a retake is a “C”. To discuss this opportunity, schedule a conference with your teacher.

We look forward to meeting you at **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 8th.**

Please sign below to verify that you have read and understood this letter. Teachers reserve the right to make changes to the course outline during the year as appropriate for student learning. If you have questions, please email your teacher.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_