

8th Grade Summer Packet

Social Studies

Hello 8th Grade!

In social studies this next year we will be working hard to prepare for high school as well as exploring our Modern American History. To help you prepare there are several IXL assignments that we will work on to give you some background information to help us get started. These IXLs are **due by July 31, 2023**. Our IXL switches over on August 1st to the new classes and your summer assignments are on this year's IXL so make sure you get them done!

The other big thing you will be working on this summer is National History Day (NHD). You have all seen the projects and now it is your turn. You will receive an NHD packet to complete. This packet must be returned **on the first day of school August 21, 2023**. It will be the first grade of the marking period. Included is a topic selection sheet to give you a place to start.

Here is a list of supplies needed for social studies next year:

Expandable folder to be used with all classes
1" ring binder for NHD preferable blue
Erasable pens (blue and black ink only)
Pencils
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpener
Notecards

Highlighter
Eraser
Glue Stick
Pencil Case
BLUE notebook

IXL Summer assignment:

8th grade

M The Early Republic
Sections 5 and 7 complete with 100% accuracy

N The Jacksonian Period
Sections 1, 2, & 3 minimum 120 minutes due

O The Antebellum Period
Sections 2, 5, 6 minimum 120 minutes due
Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 Complete with 100% accuracy

Have a great Summer!

Mr. Belonus



Name _____

National History Day Summer Topic Selection Worksheet

2024 Theme: "Turning Points in History"

Each year, the National History Day office chooses a theme to help students direct their research. Students must make a connection between the theme and their topic. The themes that are chosen are broad, allowing students to research topics on all levels from local history to ancient history.

In order to draw a connection to the theme, students must understand the historical significance of their topic and answer questions about time, place, and context. Understanding the impact and significance of the topic will help define why the topic is important and draw this connection to the theme.

Instructions: Each student is required to choose **3** potential topics that relate to this year's theme "**Turning Points in History**". Please complete the worksheet below for each topic that you have selected. Please see the attached Topic List sheet for ideas. **The packet is due on the first day of school August 21, 2023.**

My general area of interest: **Examples would be but are not limited to, war (Civil War & reconstruction, WWII, Cold War, etc.) Civil Rights, Women in History, Politic, Health, Art, Music, Sports, etc.**

Preliminary topic idea (1): Be specific.

Issues/questions to be explored in my/our research (how to compare, contrast, or interpret using your own ideas):

Working title (and subtitle if appropriate):

To help give your research a historical perspective:

Identify: Please bullet point each area in the space provided.

- **Affected individuals**
- **Affected communities**
- **How it affected our nation**
- **How it affected the world as a whole**

Answer the question: Where are we today because of your topic?

List **3** possible primary sources and how they would be used for your project. Be specific with your resources. **(Example: Writing “Newspapers” is not specific enough. You must use the complete bibliographic information for the article and how the contents would be used for your topic.)**

1. A. Type the primary source: (if it is a website - provide a complete **URL** address)

B. Name of article entry:

C. Date of publication:

D. City of publication (if applicable)

E. How will you use this source for your research? Why? **BE SPECIFIC (background, analysis)**

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