

Dear Parent and Guardians of rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the Humanities Magnet Program:

I hope that you and your families are staying well. I know that this summer will be a challenge to families, with activities, camps, and even vacations cancelled.

I'm writing to share with you and your child a welcome video from our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Humanities teachers as well as the summer assignments that they have developed to prepare your child for next year's classes. These documents will also be available on the Eastern Middle School website.

The English and World Studies homework for rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the Humanities magnet program focuses on the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade historical research project, a semester-long interdisciplinary project that culminates in an entry in the National History Day competition. The National History Day theme for 2020-2021 is "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding." Mr. Flynn, the magnet English teacher, will be available for questions and answers via Zoom starting at 12:00 p.m. on June 23 and June 26. He will also conduct three free workshops throughout the summer at which students can obtain help clarifying their ideas and formulating their thesis statements. These workshops, also conducted via Zoom, will be held starting at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, July 1, and August 18

The Media homework focuses on preliminary work for the 5-10 minute documentary Humanities students prepare throughout 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are responsible for determining a proposed documentary topic and shooting B-roll footage capturing original footage.

If you have questions regarding any of these assignments, please email the teachers directly. If you have other questions regarding the Humanities program, please don't hesitate to email me.

Welcome video:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fW9zi7pwRwP61KsdkgUxVrjbbWeABkA>

English/World Studies intro video:

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Media intro video:

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*(Please note that these videos support the attached assignment sheets – they are not a substitution)*

Have a safe summer.

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