

Dear Incoming 8th Graders, 親愛的八年級新生：

Congratulations on becoming 8th graders! I hope you enjoy the summer break. While on break, I want you to focus on how the US government is working, given everything you learned about the government's formation and process, how might this affect you? Watch the news and read the newspaper to help expand your point of view on issues that interest you. I know it sounds boring but it will provide you with some insight into what we will learn in 8th grade Social Studies. I would like for you to think about differing political and social issues and the positions people take on these issues, we will study similar topics in the upcoming year. 恭喜你成為八年級學生！我希望你有一個愉快的暑假。在暑假期間，我希望你把重點放在觀察美國政府如何運作，盡力了解政府的形成和過程，看看這對你有何影響？看新聞，讀報紙，以拓展你對自己感興趣的問題的看法。我知道這聽起來很枯燥，但它會為你在八年級學習社會研究學科時提供一些見解。我也希望你能思考不同的政治和社會問題，一般人在這些問題上的立場如何，在新學期我們將學習類似的主題。

I want you to think about how history is being made every day. What questions do you have about this exciting time in history? A quick run-down of what you will be studying next year in Social Studies we will begin with the Reconstruction era after the Civil War and go all the way to post 9/11. A lot happened and defined America in the 20th century but I know we can do it.

我希望你能思考一下歷史是如何在每一天製造出來的。對於這個激動人心的歷史時刻，你自己有些什麼樣的問題？八年級的社會研究課程，我們將從研究內戰後重建時代開始，一路到後九一一時期。這些年代發生的許多事情，可以為 20 世紀的美國下一個定義，我知道我們可以做到這一點。

See you in September,

Ms. Figueroa 社會研究老師敬上

Grading Policy for Social Studies: 社會研究評分標準

50%- Exams/Quizzes 考試/測驗

30%- Projects 專題研究

15%- Homework/Classwork 家庭作業/課堂作業

5%- Participation 課堂參與

Supply List for 8th Grade Social Studies 八年級社會研究文具用品清單

Day 1: 1 notebook- dedicated to Social Studies only 第一天：一本筆記本—只用於社會研究課

5 #2 pencils only- **no mechanical pencils, they will be confiscated!** 五枝二號鉛筆—不要自動鉛筆，會被沒收

2 pens- blue and black. 二枝筆—藍和黑

Day 2: 3 highlighters- different colors 第二天：三枝螢光筆—不同顏色

1 personal stapler with staples. 一個個人用釘書機—裝滿釘書針

1 pack of loose-leaf paper. 一包活頁紙

Day 3: **Community supplies:** 第三天：全班共用文具用品

2 rolls of paper towels 二卷擦手紙巾

2 boxes of Kleenex 二盒面紙

2 bottles of hand soap (anti-bacterial preferred) 二瓶洗手液

Day 4: 2 reams of printer paper 第四天：二包影印紙

1 pack of index cards 一包索引卡片