



Welcome!

English + History

With Ms. Gay

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- 7th and 8th Grade English + History
- 12th Grade English
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Sarah Gay

- Favorite authors: William Shakespeare, Scott Westerfeld, Paulo Coelho, Paul Stewart, and Neil Gaiman.
- My favorite areas of history are the European Renaissance and WWII.

TIS Students

Paced Learning

Due dates are suggestions,
but important!.
Helps keep your student on
track!

Graded Writing

I grade anything your student
writes themselves.

Monday Check-In + Friday Support Hours

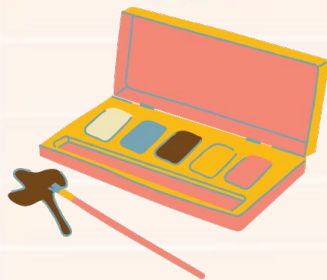
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*So important! Get your
questions answered!*

Middle School English



Vocab + Grammar

Weekly, alternating.
Paragraph writing.



Literary Devices

Setting, symbolism, figurative
language, plot, character,
point-of-view, etc.



Current Text:

The Graveyard Book
by Neil Gaiman

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12th Grade English

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FAFSA
opens
Oct 1



Literature

Literary devices, critical reading strategies, figurative language, etc.

Current Text:

The Metamorphosis
by Franz Kafka

Composition

Essay writing, literacy narratives, poetry, etc.

Integrity

How to avoid plagiarism, bibliographic citations.



7th Grade World History

Scientific
Revolution →
Renaissance

Ghana + Mali
Civilizations

Islam in the
Middle Ages

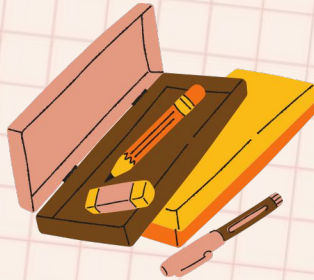
Ancient China
& Japan

Ancient Roman
Empire +
Ottoman
Empire

Mesoamerican
civilizations

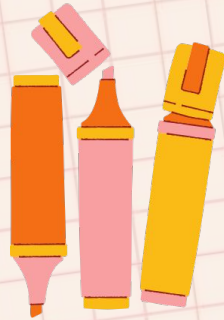


8th Grade U.S. History



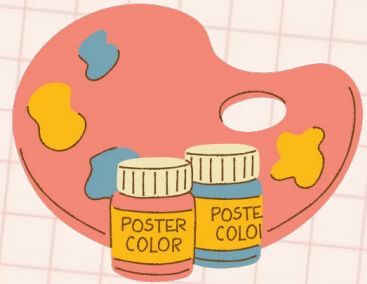
Colonies + Revolution

America before Independence and into the Revolutionary War.



Foundations of Democracy

Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc.



Major Shifts

Civil War, Reconstruction, Industrial Revolution, etc.

Grading Categories

Attendance = 50%

Classwork

- Usually in-class
- Worth 10% of grade
- Includes things such as pre-reading activities, group work, etc.

Formative Assessments

- What do we need to revisit / reinforce?
- Worth 20% of grade
- Usually art-based projects, or longer assignments that req

Summative Assessments

- Demonstrate your mastery!
- Worth 20% of grade
- Includes things like Unit Tests or major research-based projects



**Thank
You!**