Social Studies Content Literacy

Welcome to your 8th grade Social Studies Content Literacy class! In this class, your reading skills will continue to grow, particularly within texts that are related to history and social studies.

Each day, you should bring the following items to class:

- Writing utensil
- Reader Response Journal
- Content Lit folder/binder
- Independent Reading book
- Class novel (if one is currently assigned)

Typically, we will use the following schedule to guide our week:

Monday: Current events
Tuesday: Class novel AND/OR focus on nonfiction
Wednesday: Class novel AND/OR focus on nonfiction
Thursday: Class novel AND/OR focus on nonfiction
Friday: Independent reading; Reader’s Response Journal entry due at beginning of class

The majority of the work that is due for Content Lit will be completed in class with the exception of the weekly Reader’s Response Journal entry. Each week, you will be responsible for writing a one page response in your journal relating to your independent reading novel. You will be given a list of 100 possible journal entries. Each week, you will choose a new topic to write about in your journal. The entry should fill at least an entire page of your journal and should thoughtfully reflect on your independent reading. Most of the time, this journal writing will be completed ON YOUR OWN TIME.

You will also be responsible for logging your reading and setting reading goals in your Reading Log that you should keep in your Content Lit folder/binder. When you complete a book, you should also fill out a “Reader’s Review” worksheet. Each quarter, you should read at least 2 independent reading books.