

News from Room 10

9/18/17-9/22/17

Ms. Oliver 7th-8th Grade Language Arts/ Reading & Social Studies

Essential Questions for this Quarter

- **Grammar/Conventions:** How does sentence variety promote a better piece of writing?
- **Reading Literature:** How do you use the elements of fiction and a nonfiction text to determine the characteristics of a hero?
- **Writing:** Why is it important to be able to express ideas in an essay?
- **Vocabulary:** How does word knowledge enrich verbal communication?
- **Speaking/Listening/Viewing:** Why does effective communication matter?
- **Social Studies:**7th: What were the strengths and lasting contributions of Rome? 8th: Interpret, organize, and evaluate primary and secondary sources of information. (Will change throughout the quarter)

Skills we are learning this week

9/18-9/22

7th Grade

- **LA**
Grammar Conventions: Rules for using Commas
Reading Lit: Elements of Fiction (Short Stories) – Character Traits and Characterization
Writer's Workshop: Expository writing toolkit, Writing project
Vocab: Quizlet LA "Elements of Plot" & Common Roots and Affixes "Just add Water"
Speaking/Listening/Viewing: Bell ringers and Student Presentations

- **SS**
Rise and Fall of Rome: Contributions of Rome.

8th Grade

- **LA**
Grammar Conventions: The Sentence (Types of Sentences)
Reading Lit: Elements of Fiction (Short Stories) – Types of Characters and Theme
Writer's Workshop: Expository writing toolkit, Writing Project
Vocabulary: Quizlet LA "Story Vocabulary" & Common Roots and Affixes (All Eyes and Ears)
Speaking/Listening/Viewing: Bell ringers and Student Presentations
- **SS**
The Historical Process: Primary and Secondary Sources

Quote of the week:

"I find that the very things that I get criticized for, which is usually being different and just doing my own thing and just being original, is the very thing that's making me successful."

-Shania Twain



Writing prompt of the week:

Choose your favorite character from a novel. Create a Tweet of 140 characters that describes the character's role in the story.

Updates and notes

- "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a nation."
—Nelson Mandela

Homework

- Complete Quizlet Test (Online) and study for quiz on Friday (Friday's Quiz will be from the Language Arts Quizlet only).
- Read Novel Study Books for at least 20 minutes daily.
- Any assigned work given for homework, should be turned in the day after assigned, but will be accepted (with grade adjustments) up until Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

*SEPT. 20th Picture Day

*SEPT. 28th Parent Seminar

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