

Dear Families,

Welcome to your sixth grade Humanities classes! We are excited about our plans this year, and we look forward to working with you. This year we hope to support our students' development as critical readers and writers through multiple opportunities for them to engage with a variety of texts and resources. By the end of this school year, our students will be thinking as students of the humanities and making connections between reading, writing, music, art, history, and geography.

This unit establishes the level of rigor for the year by challenging how students define their own personal culture. Students will spend the six weeks focusing heavily on fiction texts in Reading and ELA and culture mini lessons in Social Studies. The connection between how fiction can reflect real cultures is what will allow students to create their own narrative defining their personal culture.

We encourage you to speak with your students about what they are reading, writing, and learning in class. Please be sure to review your student's performance via Skyward Access, and contact his or her teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you this year!

Respectfully,

EMS-ISD 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities Teachers