

Reading & Writing 2025-2026

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We have a common planning period. Most days we are available from 9:45-10:45.
Fridays, we have planning from 9:00-9:45.

Email is the most efficient way to contact the teachers listed above.

Units of Study

Unit 1

Developing Resilience: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963*

Students explore the topic of "coming of age" through the story of an African-American boy growing up during the civil rights era, and his family's strong bond in the face of tragedy.

Unit 2

The Titanic Collection

Students construct their own research questions and explore the internet for answers. They take on the role of a passenger from the Titanic's manifest and consider gender and class issues as they research and write narrative accounts from the point of view of their passengers.

Unit 3

Fleeing Conflict: *The Unwanted and Refugee*

In this coming of age novel, students explore the stories of three young refugees from different time periods, all of whom face unthinkable hardships as they desperately seek safety.

Unit 4

The Greeks

Greek myths help us understand not only ancient Greek culture but also the world around us and our role in it. These lessons ask students to contemplate broader questions concerning the role people play in the world and the communities they inhabit within it.



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ATTENTION: Cell phones, smartphones, smart watches, headphones/airpods, and/or any other electronic devices not issued by Franklin County Schools are strictly prohibited during school hours, including classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, and any activities during the school day. (see the family manual for more information)

Chromebooks: 6th graders will not take their chromebooks home. There is a \$25 usage/repair fee.

Completing Work/Late Policy: You are expected to turn your work in **on time**. Turning assignments in on time is a skill that correlates to the values we hope to instill in you as you become a responsible young adult. **IF YOU ARE ABSENT, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR ANY WORK YOU MISSED.**

It is our job as teachers to maintain an environment in which all students can learn comfortably. Therefore, disruptive, inappropriate, and disrespectful behaviors will not be tolerated. Expected behaviors may need to be reinforced until a solution can be reached, including consequences. We have high expectations for all student in this classroom and will do everything possible to help you succeed.

EXPECTATIONS:

I will treat you with respect so that you know how to treat me.

You're free to do anything in this room that does not cause a problem for anyone (including yourself)

If you cause a problem, I will ask you to solve it first.

If you cannot solve it, I will intervene.

My intervention depends on the person and the situation.

If you feel like something is truly unfair, let me know in a respectful manner and we can talk.

Grading Overview

Students' overall grades are divided into two equally important categories:

- 75% Academic Progress (see family manual for more information)
- 25% Commitment to Learning (see family manual for more information)

Due Dates and Late Work

Meeting due dates builds responsibility and supports academic readiness. (see family manual for more information)

- A due date is when an assignment is expected to be submitted in final form.
- Work not submitted by the due date will be marked "M" (Missing) and will calculate as a zero until turned in. After the unit summative, the zero will be changed to 50%.
- All late work must be turned in within one week of the due date.
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Ms. McMurry Room 112

6th grade math

welcome

Hello! Welcome to 6th grade math!
I am looking forward to having you in my class!

This year we will tackle different math concepts, learn how to problem solve, and have a lot of fun!

Ms. McMurry

contact

Ms. Erin McMurry
erin.mcmurry@franklin.kyschools.us
School Phone: (502) 695-6740

Please give me at least 24 hours to respond to your message.

Planning Period: 2nd Period
(9:45-10:45)

✓ supply list

- Chromebook
- MSM Class Workbook (Kept in Class)
- 2 Pocket Folder
- Notebook
- Pencils (NO pens)

grading

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 - Reflect Mastery of Content
 - Summative Assessments (100 pts.), Projects (100 pts), Formative/Classwork (10 pts.)
- 25% Commitment to Learning
 - Engaged in Learning (5 total points per week)
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tutoring

More information on ESS to come at a later date.

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PARENT SIGNATURE

STUDENT SIGNATURE

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6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES!

Ms. Laura D. Branham

Room 107

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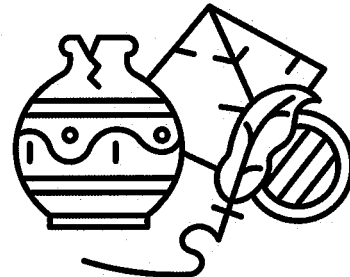
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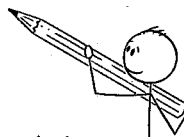
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3. Ancient Egypt
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5. Ancient Greece
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Daily Materials

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Other materials not needed daily:

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Projects and Other Supplies

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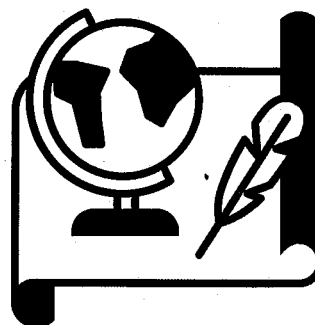
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Ms. Krysta Oberg

Room 108

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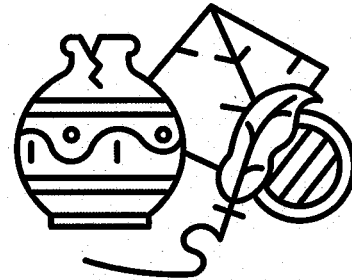
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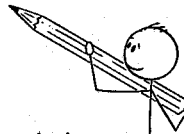
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Social Studies Resource Class Syllabus

Grades: 6th & 7th

School Year: 2025–2026

Instructor: James Gambon

Email: James.Gambon@franklin.kyschools.us

Planning Period: 3rd Period

Course Description

This resource class is designed to support 6th and 7th grade students in mastering key social studies concepts through individualized instruction, scaffolding, and skill-building strategies. The curriculum is aligned with the **Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies**, focusing on world history, geography, civics, and economics while incorporating literacy and critical thinking.

The class provides a smaller setting where students receive accommodations and modifications tailored to their IEP goals.

Course Goals

Students will:

- Build a foundational understanding of history, geography, government, and economics.
 - Develop skills in map reading, timeline creation, and analyzing primary/secondary sources.
 - Strengthen reading comprehension and vocabulary through social studies content.
 - Engage in discussions and collaborative projects to build communication and reasoning skills.
 - Learn how to make connections between the past and present in society and government.
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Units of Study

6th Grade Focus: World Civilizations (Ancient to 1500)

- Unit 1: Introduction to Geography & Early Humans
- Unit 2: River Valley Civilizations (Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus Valley, China)
- Unit 3: Classical Civilizations (Greece, Rome, India, China)
- Unit 4: Belief Systems & Cultures (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
- Unit 5: Middle Ages and Global Interactions
- Unit 6: Foundations of Government & Civic Engagement

7th Grade Focus: World Civilizations (1500–Present)

- Unit 1: Renaissance, Reformation, and Exploration
- Unit 2: Enlightenment & Scientific Revolution
- Unit 3: Age of Revolutions (American, French, Haitian, Latin American)
- Unit 4: Industrialization & Imperialism
- Unit 5: World Wars I & II
- Unit 6: The Modern World & Global Issues
- Unit 7: Civics: Rights, Responsibilities, and U.S. Government Overview

Instructional Methods

- Direct instruction with scaffolding
- Use of graphic organizers and visual supports
- Modified texts and leveled readings
- Project-based learning and hands-on activities

- Technology integration (videos, interactive maps, educational games)
 - Small group and one-on-one support
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Materials Needed

- Folder or binder
 - Notebook or paper
 - Pencils, colored pencils
 - Chromebook or device (if applicable)
 - Positive attitude and willingness to participate
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Classroom Expectations

1. Be respectful to peers, adults, and materials.
 2. Be prepared and on time.
 3. Participate to the best of your ability.
 4. Follow all school and classroom rules.
 5. Ask for help when you need it!
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Support Services

- IEP accommodations/modifications
- Speech, OT/PT, behavior supports (as applicable)

- Collaboration with general education teachers
- Regular progress monitoring



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCIENCE

2025-26

Mrs. Goss, 6th grade Science

Expected Materials EACH Day

- Charged Chromebook
- Pencils (no pens, please)
- Science notebook (**composition book**-one per semester to be left in classroom)
- Headphones (Keep in Locker)

Units of Study for 6th Grade Science

Unit 1: Thermal Energy

Unit 2: Weather, Climate, and Water Cycling

Unit 3: Plate Tectonics and Rock Cycling

Unit 4: Sun, Earth, and Moon

Unit 5: Space and Earth

Unit 6: Ecosystems and the Cycling of Matter

Contact Information:

paula.goss@franklin.kyschools.us

502-695-6740 ext 113

Planning: 2nd Period (9:45 am-10:45 am)

Hello! I am Paula Goss and so excited to be your Science teacher this year. I will be beginning my 28th year in education. I enjoy spending time with family and being outdoors. Some of my hobbies include drawing, photography, kayaking, and cooking. I cannot wait to learn more about you this year and watch you grow!

EXPECTATIONS:



- Prepared and on time for class
- Pay attention
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- Practice growth mindset
- Include others
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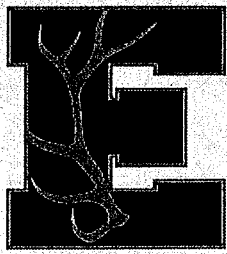
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Contact Information:

noah.king@franklin.kyschools.us

502-695-6740 ext 30114

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