



# Welcome to 8th Grade!!!

Mr. Billingslea

Algebra & 8th Grade Math

Mrs. Mitchell

Science

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# Mr. Billingslea

Algebra 1 and Math 8

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M-F 7:30am - 3pm

# Algebra 1

- Full Syllabus is in Google Classroom
- High School Class
  - Grades will go on Transcripts
- Homework [3 - 4 Nights]
  - ALEKS\*
  - Unfinished Class Assignments
- Quizzes [Not on the first day of the week]

# Math 8

- Full Syllabus is in Google Classroom
- Homework [3 - 4 Nights]
  - ALEKS\*
  - Unfinished Class Assignments
- Quizzes [Not on the first day of the week]
- Combining Curriculum with Review of last year.

# ALEKS

- Homework Assignment Each week
- Not random topics [Like in previous years]
  - Students may do that if they wish
- Aligned with the book
  - Assignments are based on Classwork
- Log in through Clever
- Go live Monday at 7AM - **Due Friday before 11:59PM**
  - Work will not accepted after the deadline.

# ALEKS Enrichment

- Aside from the Homework!!!
- Topics:
  - Students may pursue ALEKS topics in order to further their knowledge on the subject.
  - Bonus points can be earned based on growth.
  - **NOT** a last minute solution

**Mrs. Mitchell**

**8th Grade Science**

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# 8th Grade Science

- Hands - On work in class
  - Labs and Investigation
- Project Based assignments will be the norm for my classes
  - Collaboration with Partners
  - Individual projects as well
- Brain STEM Moments will be used to challenge their minds
  - Example: Fit your body through a 3" x 5" index card without breaking/tearing up the card
- Interactive Notebooks will be used for notes and data collection



# Science - Content for 1st Quarter

- Lab Safety and Engineering and Design
- Diversity of Life
  - Variations of traits
  - Fossil records
- Reproduction - Ability to reproduce
  - Mixing of Genes
  - Transfer of Genes
- Heredity
  - Traits

# Achieve 3000 Articles

- One Article a week is assigned on the first day of the quarter and due the date posted on Fridays, by 2:30 p.m.
- Located in Achieve 3000 by going through Clever.com List is located on Google Classroom.
- Topics are related to current content being learned
  - Students may work on this during school or at home.
- This is an every week assignment, so it should not be a surprise to them.

# Communication

- Infinite Campus
  - Weekly Notes updating you on what your student is currently doing or will be doing in class.
- Google Classroom
  - Please feel free to join Google Classroom
- CANVAS - We will be transitioning soon, but I will let everyone know when it happens. I would like to work with my students on it before we go live.
- Talking Points
  - Easy and quick way to communicate if something is coming up or needed
  - Can respond if you have a question
  - I will resend the invitations for each class on Friday!
- EMAIL - [KMitchell591@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:KMitchell591@columbus.k12.oh.us)
  - I do my very best to respond as quickly as I can. Currently I am receiving upwards of 60 emails a day, so I am trying to make sure I reach everyone. If I have missed an email, please feel free to resend.

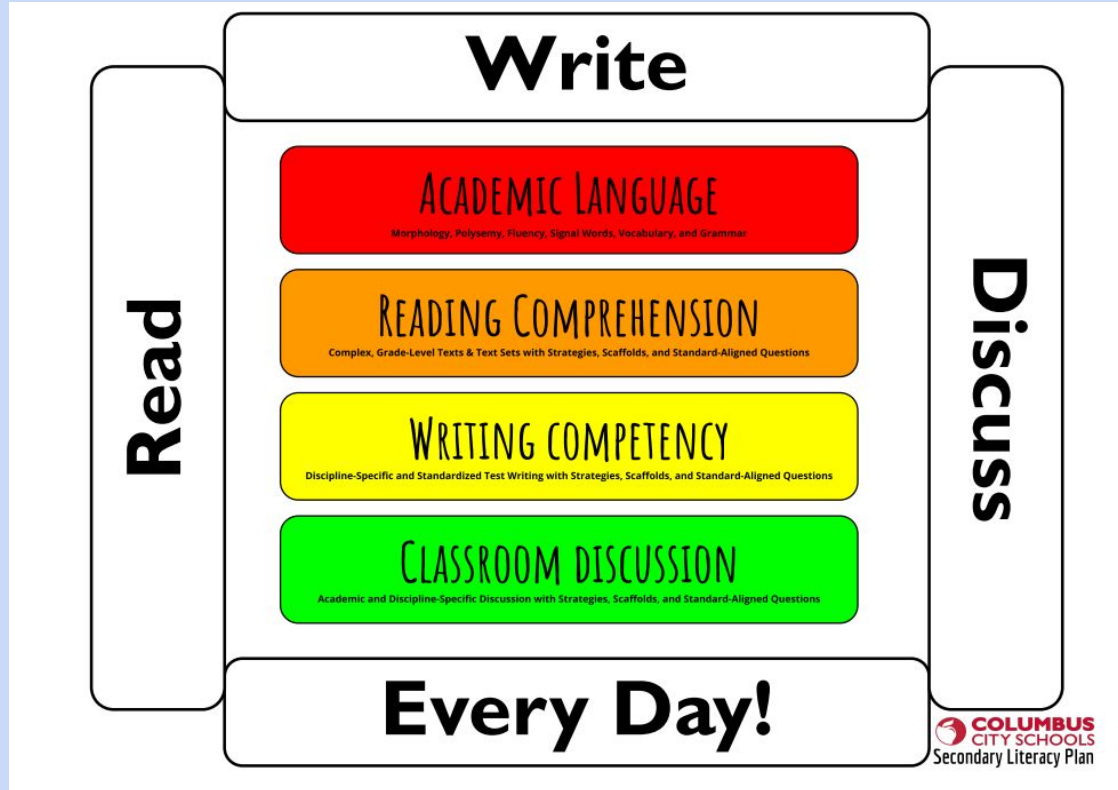


**MRS. NIESE**

8th Grade ELA and Social Studies

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# SECONDARY LITERACY PLAN



# LITERATURE



We will read 3-4 novels this year as a class.

*Fall-Whole Class: Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley Wollencraft

## WWII Book Club

Night  
Train  
Farewell to Manzanar  
Prisoner B-3087  
Between Shades of Grey  
Code Name Verity  
All the Light We Cannot See  
Salt to the Sea

## Spring Book Club

*Chains*  
*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*  
Copper Sun  
(I'm hoping to add more options)

# BOOK BATTLE

4 groups in each class

Book Reviews on google classroom (3 required per quarter as part of their grade)

Each book review is a point toward their groups total

Students can add points to their class in 3 additional ways:

1. Pull out a Notable Quote and add it to our Beautiful words bulletin board. 1 point
2. Complete a book talk in class. 2 Points
3. Create a book trailer. 4 points.

# WRITING, GRAMMAR + VOCABULARY

Composition notebooks: journals, notes, grammar

Writing non-negotiables

Weekly vocabulary

Writing contests & opportunities on google classroom

Wednesday creative writing club during core E



# FINAL THOUGHTS

## Contact information:

Email is the best way to reach me.

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## Talking Points codes:

1-2	RHBQH5
5	7BYU5K
7	NQTBP9

## Homework:

- Read 30 minutes daily
- Finish work not completed in class
- 30 minutes per week on iReady individual pathway (They have time during Core E to work on this one day a week)
- Additional assignments as needed.

# Ways to connect with Mr. Vincent

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Talking Points App

## CLASS

## CODE

Social Studies 8 - Period 5

DRVTBR

Social Studies 8 - Period 7

Z2TBDZ



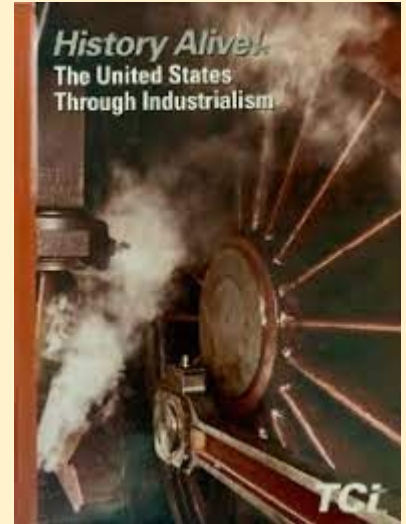
# SOCIAL STUDIES

- Pre-colonization to the Civil War
- Primary sources
- Types of government
- The Constitution and the structure of our government

New Textbook adoption: TCI: History Alive!

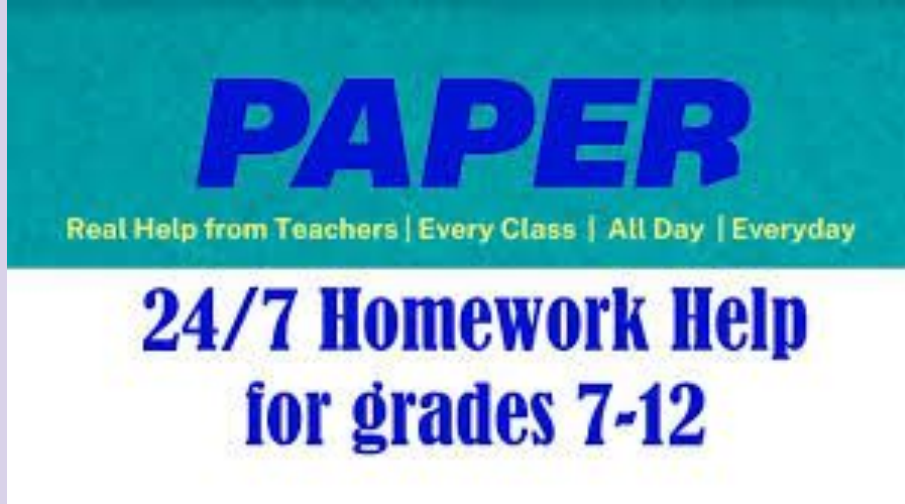
- Students can access textbook through Clever 

Mr. Vincent, Mr. Chambers, and Mrs. Niese plan together and complete the same work.



**Homework Help** - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!!!!!!  
Available for any subject and in a variety of languages.

Students can access this through Clever  
Just click on the PAPER icon:



# Core E

## **Purpose:**

Provides opportunities for intervention and extensions

## **Structure:**

Monday: ALEKS

Tuesday: iReady

Wednesday: Creative Writing and/or small group intervention and project work time

Thursday: Reading time

Friday: Critical Thinking Challenge day