Welcome L.E.S. 8th Graders!
Summer Writing Assignment 2020

Summer is a crucial time for students. With a break from school, we sometimes forget the skills we learned the previous year. In order to be our best selves, we need to constantly exercise our brains!

**Directions**: Pick **Four** projects to complete. Your teacher will be collecting your assignments in September.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Write a short story.</th>
<th>Respond to Two Current Events</th>
<th>Make an Argument</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| It must have:  
- A main character  
- Setting (time and place)  
- Rising Action  
- A conflict  
- Falling Action  
- Resolution  
- Imagery | Find a news article and write a paragraph that:  
- Identifies the issue  
- Does the article have a suggested solution?  
- How do you think the issue should be solved?  
- How does the article make you feel? Why? | 1. Choose a topic most people can argue about. Don’t have it be one you just wrote for me.  
2. Pick a side.  
3. **Body paragraph 1** should argue your stance (what you believe).  
4. **Body paragraph 2** should include the other side’s argument and you destroying the other side. |

**At least two pages.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Your Life</th>
<th>Your Passion</th>
<th>Write a Historical Fiction short story.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Pick one moment in your life that sticks out to you. It can be a moment of happiness or sadness. Without making up any of the details write **at least a full page** recapping what happened. **Things to include:**  
- people who were there  
- what happened  
- what emotions did you feel? **Remember the smaller details (Imagery)**  
- what was the weather that day?  
- What smells? (woke up to the smell of pancakes and bacon)  
- What did you hear? Was a certain song playing? | What are you passionate about? Write at least **two paragraphs** explaining what you are passionate about and why.  
- Do you think this passion is temporary or something you will love for the rest of your life?  
- Do you think this passion could turn into a volunteer position or eventually a job? Explain.  
- How can you use your passion to help society/the world?  
**Examples:** **Passion for animals**- would you want to volunteer/work for an animal shelter or become a veterinarian? | **Historical Fiction means the characters are fake, but the historical setting is real.**  
**Example:** *Number the Stars.*  
*The characters are made up, but the Holocaust really happened.*  
It must have:  
- A main character  
- Setting (time and place) Must be real.  
- A conflict  
- Imagery  
**At least two pages.** |

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Write a Skit</th>
<th>This Day in History</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Write a skit about problems middle schoolers encounter, and how they should be solved.  
**Examples:**  
Bullying  
Not liking your appearance  
Not understanding school  
**At Least 1 ½ pages** | Research a day during the summer and find out what happened on that day.  
**In a paragraph,** summarize the historical events. Then, explain why those events matter.  
How does it impact us in today’s society? How does it impact you?  
What would our society be like if that event never happened? |