

Challenges 8

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This course is designed as a high level, hands on exploration of topics in social studies, science, technology and language arts. The topics are intended to give students a more challenging experience using the most current interests and teaching techniques. Topics are divided into two nine weeks units:

Ancient Cultures – Social Studies

Mesopotamia- Sumerians
Babylonians and Phoenicians
Egypt
Assyrians
Persian Empire

Indus Valley Civilization
Ancient China Dynasties
Ancient Greece
Ancient Rome

Project – Research on student chosen subject from class topics.

Movie Production – Technology & Language Arts

Each class period is divided into two parts, instruction/ activities and project/ group time. Students are graded on participation, cooperation and products during each class period.

Film Components
Types of films
Scene selection
Outline
Script writing

Storyboards
Interview techniques
Editing
Music selections
Intro and Credits

Project - Students must produce either an informative or entertaining video of at least 3 minutes.

Late/Missing work will be made up if possible when the student returns to class. (Due one week after return date) 5 points off each class day late

Materials Needed:

Chromebook
Binder – section devoted to Challenge class
Notebook Paper
Pencil

Grading:

The grading policy will be as follows:

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| Class participation | 30% |
| Daily work | 20% |
| Project production | 30% |
| Final project | <u>20%</u> |
| | 100% total |

Grading Scale

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| A+ | 99.5 – 100 |
| A | 90.5 – 99.4 |
| A- | 89.5 – 90.4 |
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| B+ | 88.5 – 89.4 |
| B | 80.5 – 88.4 |
| B- | 79.5 – 80.4 |
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| C+ | 78.5 – 79.4 |
| C | 70.5 – 78.4 |
| C- | 69.5 – 70.4 |
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| D+ | 68.5 – 69.4 |
| D | 60.5 – 68.4 |
| D- | 59.5 – 60.4 |
| F | 59.4 and Below |

Class Rules

1. Enter class quietly
2. Open notebook to class section
3. Sit quietly till class begins
4. Put forth every possible effort to work cooperatively
5. Be a good partner on group projects
6. Everyone works together with EQUAL effort
7. All work goes in basket or binder before leaving
8. Wait in your seat to be dismissed

During class students may go to the restroom or for a drink break one time only. They must sign out with the time and the reason for leaving.

They must take a pass from the red basket with them. Passes are available for restroom, copy/BIP room, guidance and office runner.

Library passes can be used if their work is done and students would like a book.