



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 2021

MS. VOELKER - ELA/HISTORY

ABOUT ME

- ✘ This is my 7th year at Fern Bacon.
- ✘ I've taught both 7th and 8th ELA and History.
- ✘ I believe reading, more than most things, sets a student up for success in all aspects of life.



7TH GRADE ELA

- An important year for students!
- We will focus on student identity.
- Reading and writing are the bulk of each class.
- We want students to know themselves, their preferences as readers and writers, and gain confidence in their literacy skills.



7TH GRADE WORLD HISTORY

- We study Medieval World History - from Ancient Rome to the Renaissance.
- World religions play an important role in the development of world history, so we will learn the basics of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Buddhism to learn how those religions helped world population grow.



8TH GRADE ELA

- Builds on the skills students learned last year.
- Heavy on reading and writing.
- Will help students further explore their identity and be ready to make decisions about high school when the time comes.



8TH GRADE US HISTORY

- From Native Americans (pre-colonial) to Reconstruction.
- Whose story isn't being told?
- Why does this history matter to today?
- Students will further explore their identity and where they fit into our nation's history.



EXPECTATIONS

- Students will have a book of their choosing in their hands as they come in the door.
- A chromebook and charger in their backpack each day.
- A willingness to learn!



GRADES

- Students will be able to check their grades as teachers update them on Infinite Campus.
- We will do our best to give time for grade checks on Tuesdays.
- You can use your students login to check their progress.



COMMUNICATING WITH ME

- Remind is a way to text each other without having to share phone numbers.
- Kids can text me about assignments until 7pm.
- Google Classroom alerts come to my phone if they post questions there.



REMIND

1st/2nd Period

Text @voelker1st
to 81010

3rd/4th Period

Text @voelker8th
to 81010

5th Period

Text @voelker5th
to 81010

The app is not needed for communication, just follow the directions that are texted to you.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT ME ON REMIND, ON GOOGLE
CLASSROOM, OR EMAIL ME AT:
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Thank you for allowing me to teach your child this year!