

Elite Scholars Academy
Rising 6th grade Summer Assignments 2021

Dear Rising 6th grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to Elite Scholars Academy! The sixth grade team is excited about the upcoming school year and working with each and every one of you! Below you will find assignments from content area teachers that should be submitted during the first week of school. Parents and students, please keep in mind that these assignments are **mandatory** and **will be factored into the grade for the 1st quarter**. Failure to complete these assignments will negatively impact 1st quarter grades. Because of the pace and rigor of Elite Scholars Academy, it is extremely important that these assignments be **completed in its entirety**. The assignments are listed below:

Honors English/Language Arts

The saying if you don't use it you lose it is true, but not for our scholars! This summer in order to maintain and strengthen reading skills, students should choose two books to read. One book should be fiction and the other non-fiction. In addition to the reading, students will complete tasks that will challenge them to reflect and make connections to self and community. Choose from the options listed below to complete for **each** of your chosen books. You are expected to write **two to three paragraphs in response**. Sentences must begin with capital letters and end with proper punctuation. Also, be sure to include the title, genre, and author of your novels in your written responses. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Here are the list of options to choose from:

1. Imagine that you are a character in the book, and write a diary entry about your experiences, thoughts, and feelings.
2. Write a letter to a character in the book, giving her or him advice about specific situations from the book.
3. Review the book. Give your opinions about it; cite examples and quotes from the book to support why you think it is an interesting book or not. Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?
4. What is the most important thing the author wanted you to learn or think about after reading the book? Explain

Honors Earth Science:

Think about the science classes you've taken in the past and the activities you engaged in during those classes. In a one to two page, **typed essay**, answer the following three questions: 1) What is Science? Come up with your own definition of science 2) What are some things that scientists do? and 3) How are you a scientist, based on your own definition? When you are answering these three questions, please **stay away from websites**. I will know if you've visited any ☺ Make sure it is typed in font style Times New Roman and in size 12.

Honors Social Studies:

Choose a country in either North or South America (excluding the United States). After choosing a country, create a slideshow using Google Slides to document your chosen country. You will need to conduct some research about your country to complete your slideshow. Make sure the slideshow follows this format:

- **Slide 1:** Title Slide (include the name of your country and your name)
- **Slide 2:** Location of your country (include a map that shows your country surrounded by other countries)
- **Slide 3:** Description of the geography of your country. Include three unique natural features of your country (be specific when choosing your features) (Include 1-3 pictures).
- **Slide 4:** Description of the population of your country: what the people do for work, where they live, religions, languages, customs (include 1-3 pictures)
- **Slide 5:** Description of their type of gov't: gov't structure (i.e. branches of government), their capital city, their leader(s) (include picture of the capital city and the leader)
- **Slide 6:** Description of the type of their economy: connections between the United States and this country, including what they buy from us and what we buy from them (include pictures of some of these products)
- **Slide 7:** Define Human Development Index (HDI) and include information on literacy rate, life expectancy and GNI per capita of your country.
- **Slide 8:** The biggest environmental concern and a reasonable solution to fix the problem (include 1-3 pictures)

While you do not need to write in complete sentences, you still must use correct grammar, punctuation and capitalization.

You may customize your slideshow as long as it does not distract from the purpose of your presentation. Here are some examples of customization you may choose to use:

- Layout
- Transitions
- Arrangement
- Extra slides (if you need to add some to answer all the information)

Plagiarism: All descriptions and explanations must be in YOUR OWN WORDS; this means you cannot cut, copy and paste from where you find your information. Any project with plagiarism will automatically receive a 50% penalty.

We are looking forward to a great year. **Please email us with any questions prior to May 28th, 2021.**

Sincerely,

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