

ECS MIDDLE SCHOOL

HISTORY & SCIENCE SUBJECTS



Biology - 8TH GRADE

A study of life on this planet, from microscopic organisms to humans. Students will learn how to categorize and analyze life, as well as make connections between the biological components that make up a living creature. Benchmarks for students include an introduction to scientific writing and a knowledge of root Greek and Latin words that form academic vocabulary.

U.S. History - 7TH GRADE

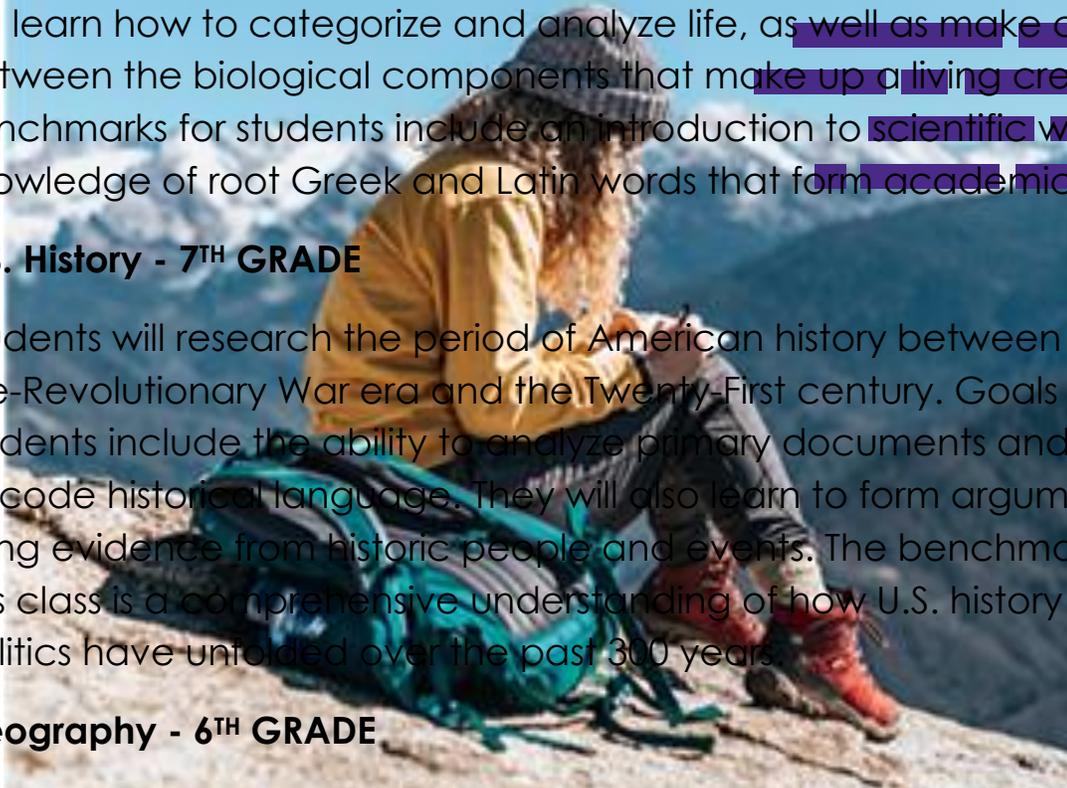
Students will research the period of American history between the pre-Revolutionary War era and the Twenty-First century. Goals for students include the ability to analyze primary documents and decode historical language. They will also learn to form arguments using evidence from historic people and events. The benchmark for this class is a comprehensive understanding of how U.S. history and politics have unfolded over the past 300 years.

Geography - 6TH GRADE

Expanding their understanding of world borders, students will explore physical and cultural markers of different countries and ethnic groups around the world. The class provides an overview of different world regions, including a historical and political approach to cultural identity. Students will practice their skills in connecting pieces of evidence to form conclusions about the cultures they study. Benchmarks include a visual understanding of regional maps, and growing confidence in the ability to identify different languages and cultures by their key features.

Literature - 6TH GRADE

Students will dive into different texts over the course of this class and engage in the basic foundations of the study of literature. Essay



writing and text analysis will make up the majority of work assigned in this class, as well as practice that boosts reading confidence. Benchmark goals for students in this class include a love for stories, and an ability to engage in comprehension and critique of a novel. Focus for this grade level will be on vocabulary and interpretation of stories.

Civics - 8TH GRADE

This class will introduce students to the foundations and structure of the American government. Students will learn the branches of government and their specific jobs and distinguish between state and federal government levels. With combined evidence-based writing assignments, students will engage in critical thinking while analyzing court cases and governmental policy. Benchmarks for students include increasing logic skills and the ability to form evidenced opinion positions in written form. This class encourages participation in politics through increasing students' knowledge of political vocabulary and policy formation.

