

HUMANITIES AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL



What is Humanities?

Humanities is a course offered to students in the *Gifted and Talented Program (GATE)* at QEHS that meets the curricular requirements of both Social Studies and English Language Arts (ELA).

Advantages of Humanities:

The blend of the two fields provides flexibility for students:

- to increase opportunities to make global and meaningful connections
- to deepen their understanding of their place in history and their role in the future
- to focus on both academic success and personal development

Students will be encouraged to excel in the following areas:

- creative expression and problem-solving
- critical thinking about real world issues that go beyond the program of studies
- demonstrating learning in diverse ways
- setting goals and making positive choices
- higher level thinking

There will be a focus on the mastery of skills needed to move into areas of passion. A variety of assessments opportunities will be offered to engage students in their learning. Attention will be paid to manageable workload, flexible scheduling and personalizing learning.

How are students assessed?

Teachers will use a variety of methods to assess and evaluate students. The social studies competencies of critical/creative, geographical, and historical thinking and the language arts skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and representing will be integrated throughout the year.

Humanities is taught in a holistic manner; therefore, students will receive the same mark for both ELA and Social Studies on their report card.

Humanities 7 & 8

Final grade:

- 90% of the is based on cumulative yearlong course work
- 10% for final exams

Humanities 9

Final grade:

- 80% of the is based on cumulative yearlong course work
- 20% for final exams.