GCMS Summer Homework - 2020

Summer Stretch Project:
In addition to fulfilling your assigned lessons on MobyMax, you will have the opportunity to go above and beyond by completing a stretch project! This is a distinctive way to exercise your creativity skills as well as to enhance your social and historical awareness. The stretch project can be completed by choosing one of two options:

Choice A - The Summer of a Lifetime Project
Students will document the effects of the global pandemic, COVID19, and the impact it has on their summer experiences. This will include looking for similarities and differences between summer of 2020 in comparison to previous summers.

- In what ways has your community or day to day events changed? Who has it impacted the most? How can you tell? What have you had to modify in your regular routine to accommodate these changes?
- Students will document and compile these experiences in a culminating project, which will take the form of a summer journal.

Choice B - Growth Mindset Reflection Project
Students learn the difference between fixed and growth mindset as well as how to apply a growth mindset in the classroom upon return to school through this written reflection project. This project includes:

- Weekly response prompts
- Self-generated questions for research purposes
- Long and short term goal setting

Format for how to present your projects:
Instructions for how to submit your project will be shared on the first day of school, so your work must be completed by then. If you have questions as you work on your project, contact Ms. Briggs at ibriggs@garycomermiddleschool.org.

Printed:
10 written entries over the course of the summer, each including
- A minimum of four paragraphs containing five or more complete sentences each
- Visual component (pictures, ticket stubs, magazine clippings, etc)

Electronic:
10 vlog entries over the course of the summer, each including
- 4 minutes minimum per entry of reflection
- Visual component (scrapbook, foldable book, collage, etc)
Choice B - Growth Mindset Reflection Project

Directions: Complete each weekly reflection choosing either the printed or electronic format listed above on page 1 of the document.

**Week #1 Prompt**

Think about the biggest dream that you have for your future. How do you feel about this dream? What do you need to do to achieve it? Use specific information to support your response.


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**Week #2 Prompt**

"A person who has NEVER MADE a MISTAKE has NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW."

In your own words, explain the importance of this quote. Do you agree with the quote's message? Use specific evidence to support your response.


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**Week #3 Prompt**

"Every accomplishment STARTS with the decision to TRY."

Select one goal or achievement that you want to achieve, but that you have not started working towards yet. Why is this goal or achievement important to you? Use specific evidence to support your response and to create your first step towards achieving your goal.


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**Week #4 Prompt**

What are your thoughts on this quote? In your own words, explain whether you agree or disagree with the message of this quote. Use specific evidence to support your response.

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**Week #5 Prompt**

Think about your own life experiences and the decisions that you make. Do you tend to make more progress or make more excuses? What is the outcome of your choices? Use specific evidence to support your response.

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**Week #6 Prompt**

How often do you step outside of your comfort zone? Why? Use specific evidence to explain why you do or do not step outside of your comfort zone.
**Week #7 Prompt**

"Sometimes what we call failure is really just that necessary struggle called learning."

Think about a specific time in your life where you experienced failure. Describe your experience and what you learned from it. Use specific evidence to support your response.

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**Week #8 Prompt**

"The GREATS were NOT GREAT because they were BORN that way but instead because they WORKED HARD."

Make a connection between this quote and your life experiences. What is the valuable message behind this quote? How does this quote apply to your journey? Use specific evidence to support your response.

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**Week #9 Prompt**

*If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives.*

Lemony Snicket

In your own words, explain what this quote means by "we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives" and the importance of this quote. How can you apply this message to your own life? Use specific evidence to support your response.

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**Week #10 Prompt**

*You are brave, brilliant, & oh-so resilient.*

What has been your biggest or bravest achievement so far this school year? Why do you consider this moment to be so important? Use specific evidence to support your response.

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My Long Term Goal for this School Year:

Action Plan:

Create a SMART Goal

GOAL SETTING
SPECIFIC
MEASURABLE
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RELEVANT
TIME-BOUND

What do you want to accomplish by the end of the school year?

Long Term Goal and Action Plan