

Dear Parents,

Happy 1st day of summer vacation! Your 7th grader is teed up beautifully for social studies in August. In fact, your student worked so diligently throughout the school year that the curriculum was covered in its entirety ... no missing sections, no gaps. Pat yourselves, and more importantly, your student on the back for a job well done!

I normally suggest a few activities to help bridge the summer gap, and this year remains no different. Please see the following list:

1. **READ!** Try reading a historical novel! Some suggestions are highlighted below, or check with your local library for additional selections ...The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Red Badge of Courage, Johnny Tremain, My Brother Sam is Dead, April Morning, The Notorious Benedict Arnold, Chasing Lincoln's Killers, Shane, etc. The strongest readers are also consistently the strongest writers/students ... just read!

2. Practice **geography** on the following sites:

<https://online.seterra.com/>

<https://nationalgeographic.com/>

On the National Geographic site, under “menu” in the top right corner, explore the following topics/sections:

History & Culture

Podcasts – Check out the fascinating podcasts on – The Life of Amelia Earhart, How Anne Frank’s Diary Survived, The Hole Where King Tut’s Heart used to be, etc.

3. Practice **social studies skills with IXL!** I will have some content areas highlighted for practice.

4. Check out <https://www.icivics.org/> ... an online interactive created by retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to keep students engaged in **civic education**. The site is pure fun and highly interactive!

5. Check out the History Channel for any new releases this summer.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. It was a pleasure to teach and learn from your student this past year! Enjoy a happy and healthy summer! God Bless!

Sincerely,

Patti Ahern