

Humanities Update

MANHASSET BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

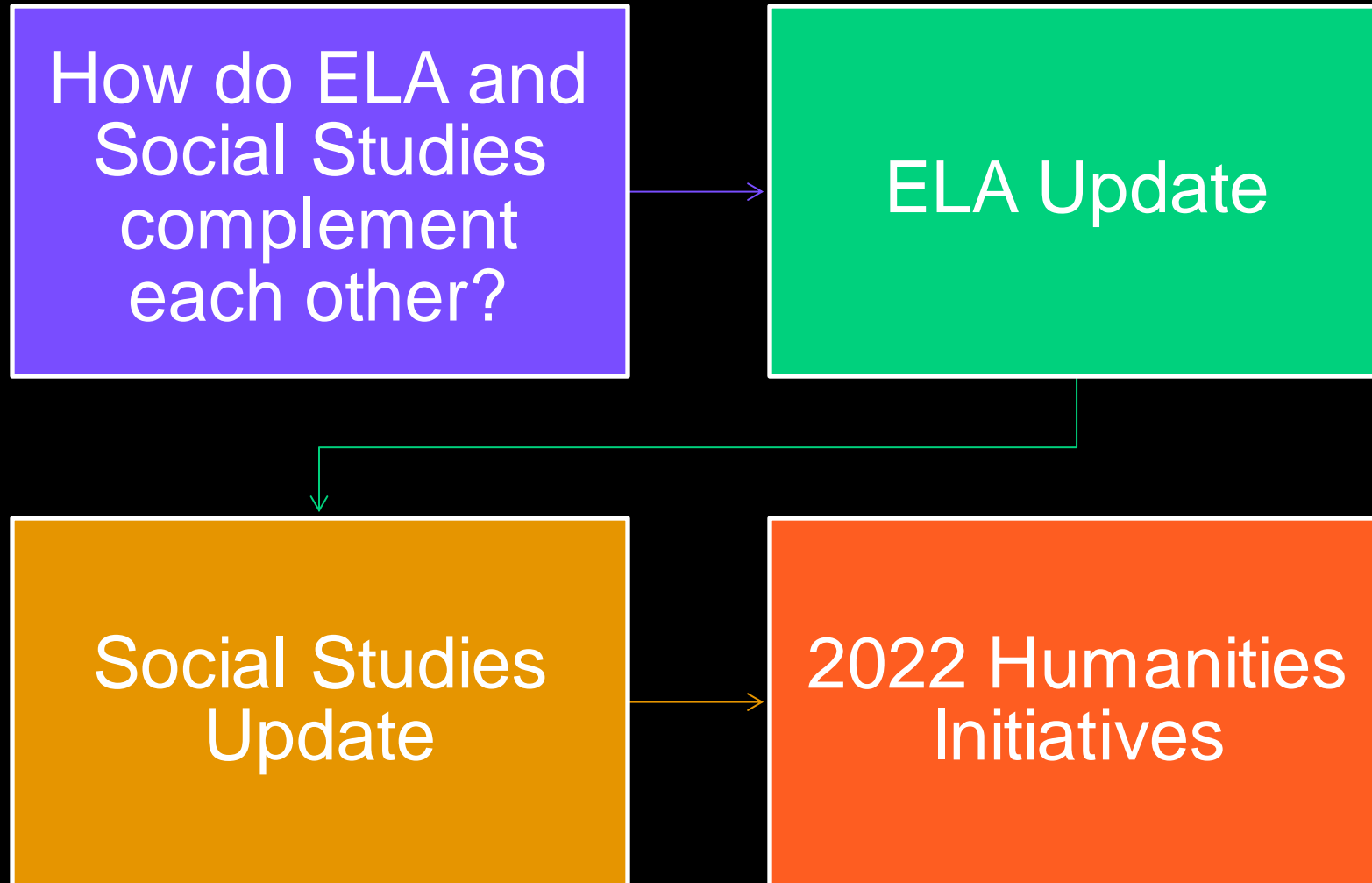


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Tonight's Presentation



What Are the Humanities?

“Put simply, the humanities help us understand and interpret the human experience, as individuals and societies.”

Source: National Humanities Center



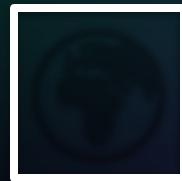
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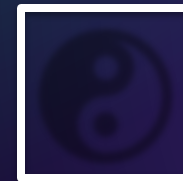
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The Arts



World
Languages



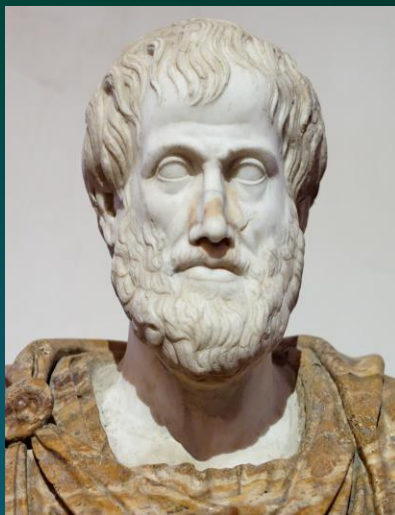
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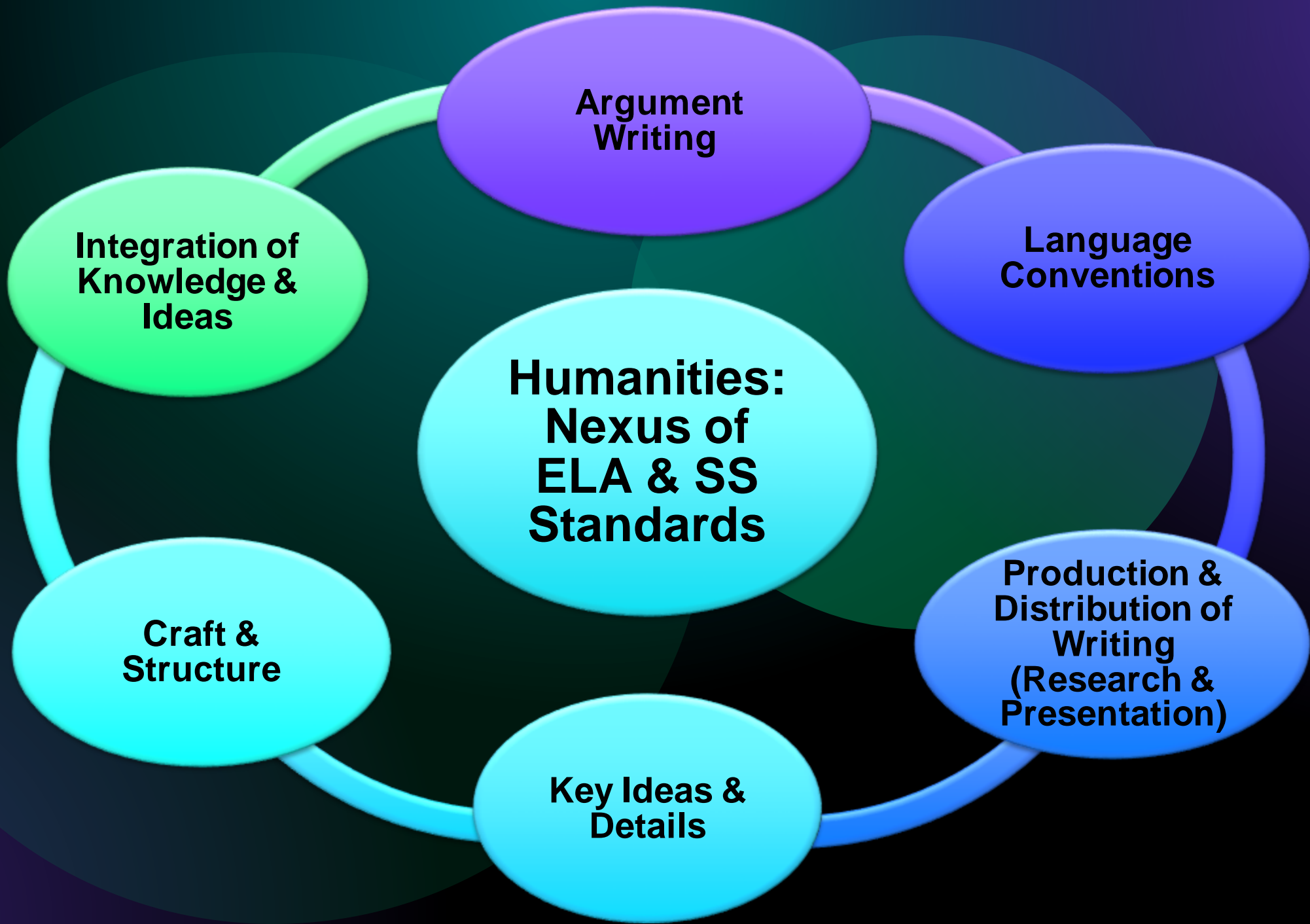


Media

Teaching How, Not What, to Think

- **Aristotle:** *"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."*
- **Margaret Mead:** *"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."*





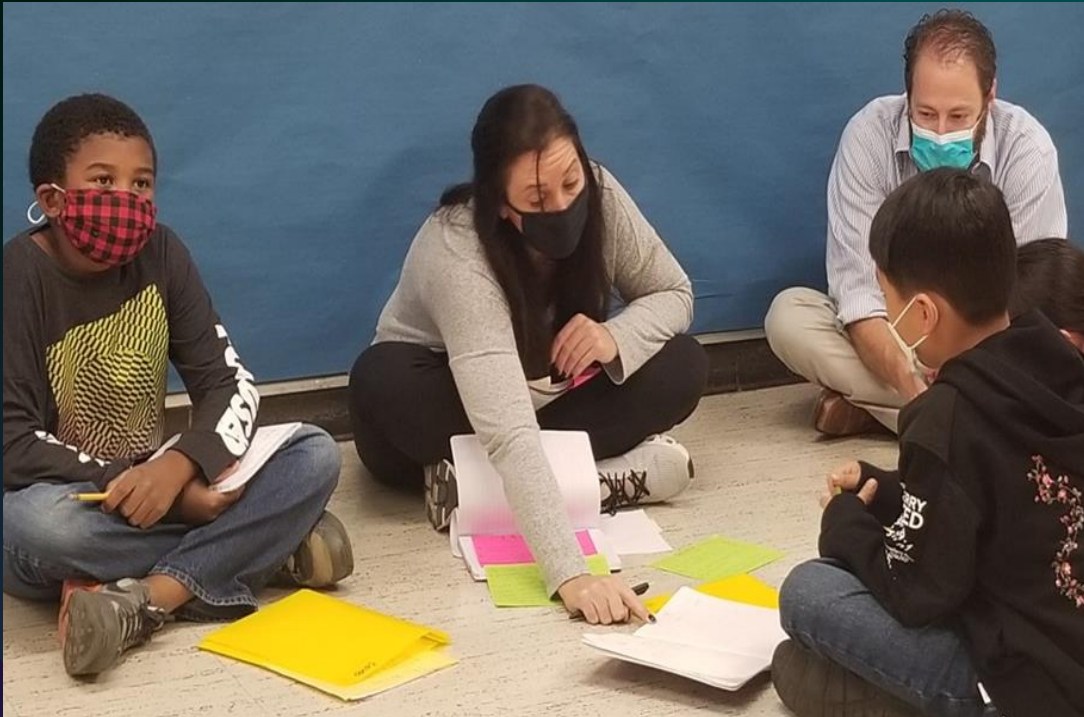
District Goals





English Language Arts Update

Elementary Instructional Focus



Mastery of TCRWP curriculum

Monitoring student growth closely

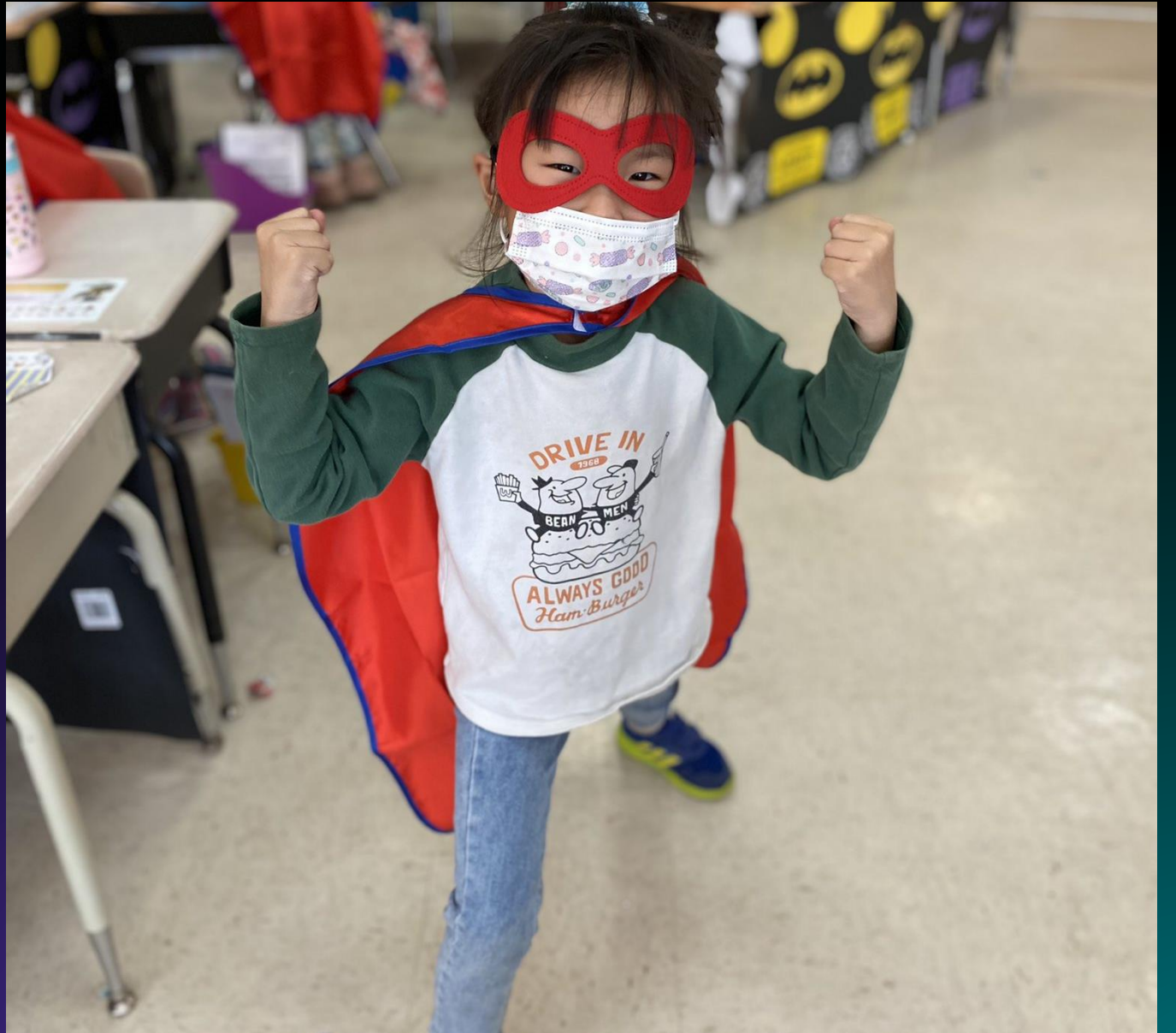
Utilizing reading and writing continuums universally

Appreciation of multiple perspectives while developing one's own

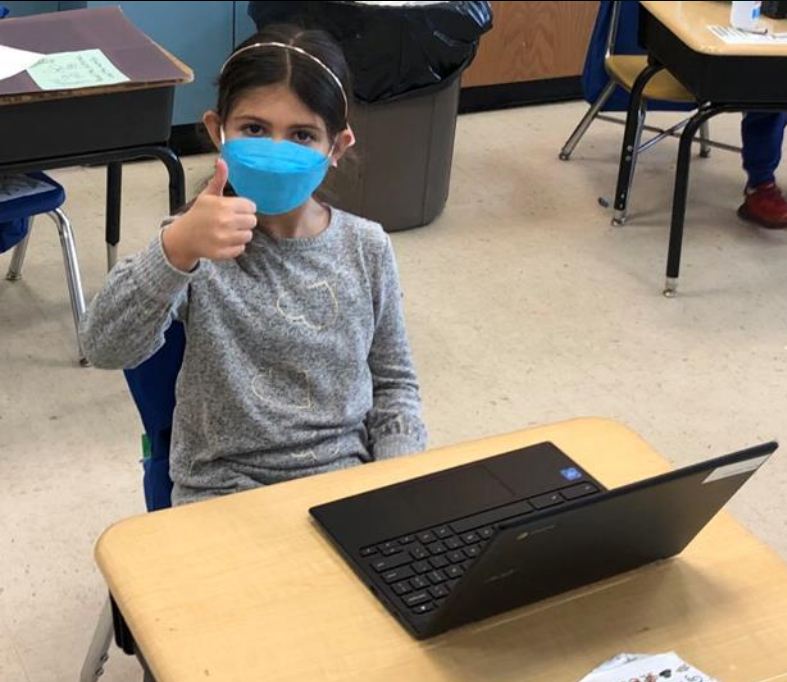
Development of empathy

Elementary ELA Curricular Progress

- K-6 Teachers College Reading Program (TCRWP) now complete
- K-5 TCRWP Writing: complete
- Grade 6 Writing scheduled for 2022-23



Where are Social Studies skills found in TCRWP?



- **Reading**
 - (e.g., “Reading about History,” Grade 4)
- **Writing**
 - (e.g., “Lens of History,” Grade 5)

Secondary English



**A stable,
Next-Generation
Standards-based
program focusing on
deepening student
and teacher capacity.**

Secondary Instructional Focus



Student voice

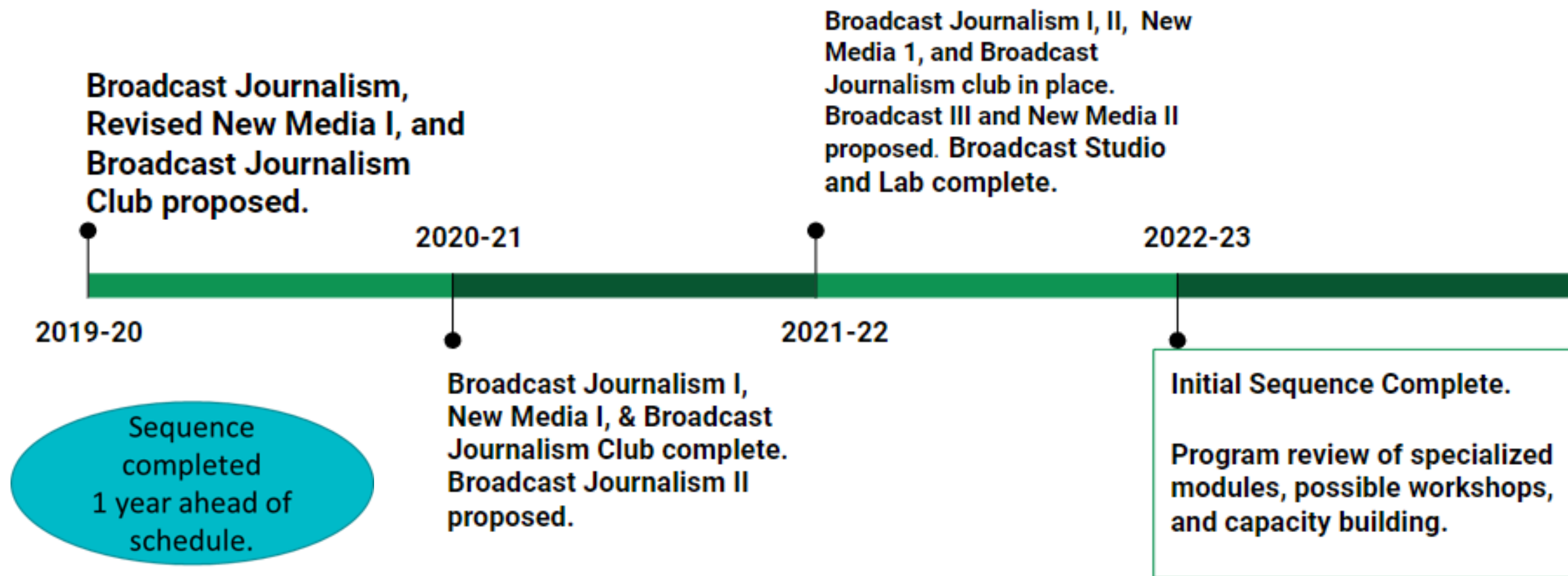
Clear, critical thinking

Evidence-based reading and writing

Appreciation of multiple perspectives
while developing one's own

Development of empathy

Updated: English Department Communication Sequence



New Broadcast Journalism Suite



2021-22
Humanities
English
Opportunities

Elementary Humanities Enrichment

AP Language and Composition (Grade 11)

AP Literature and Composition (Grade 12)

Film Study (Grades 10, 11, 12)

Creative Writing/Adv. Creative Writing (9, 10, 11, 12)

New Media 1, 2 (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Broadcast Journalism 1, 2, 3 (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

**Communication: Creativity, Persuasion & Problem-Solving
(Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)**

Speech & Debate (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Secondary English Assessments Containing Social Studies Elements or Content

- ELA Assessment (Grades 7 & 8)
- Comprehensive English Regents (Grade 11)
- Grade level/course common exams
- AP English Language (Grade 11)
- AP English Literature (Grade 12)

Social Studies Update





Instructional Focus: Social Studies Practices

Gathering, Interpreting and Using Evidence

Chronological Reasoning and Causation

Comparison and Contextualization

Civic Participation

Economics and Economic Systems

Geographic Reasoning



Grade 3: Landforms/Water Forms Picture Dictionary

Plateau: an area of land that is flat but rises higher than the land around it



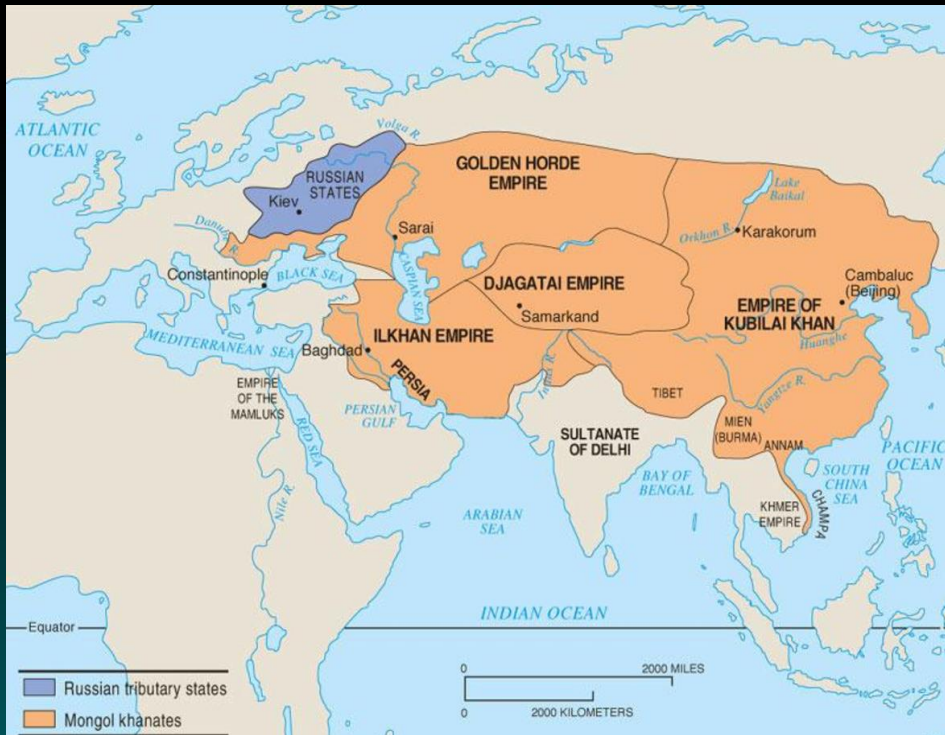
Valley: a low land between a hill or mountain



Desert: an area where there is little or no rainfall



Grade 6: Sample Constructed Response

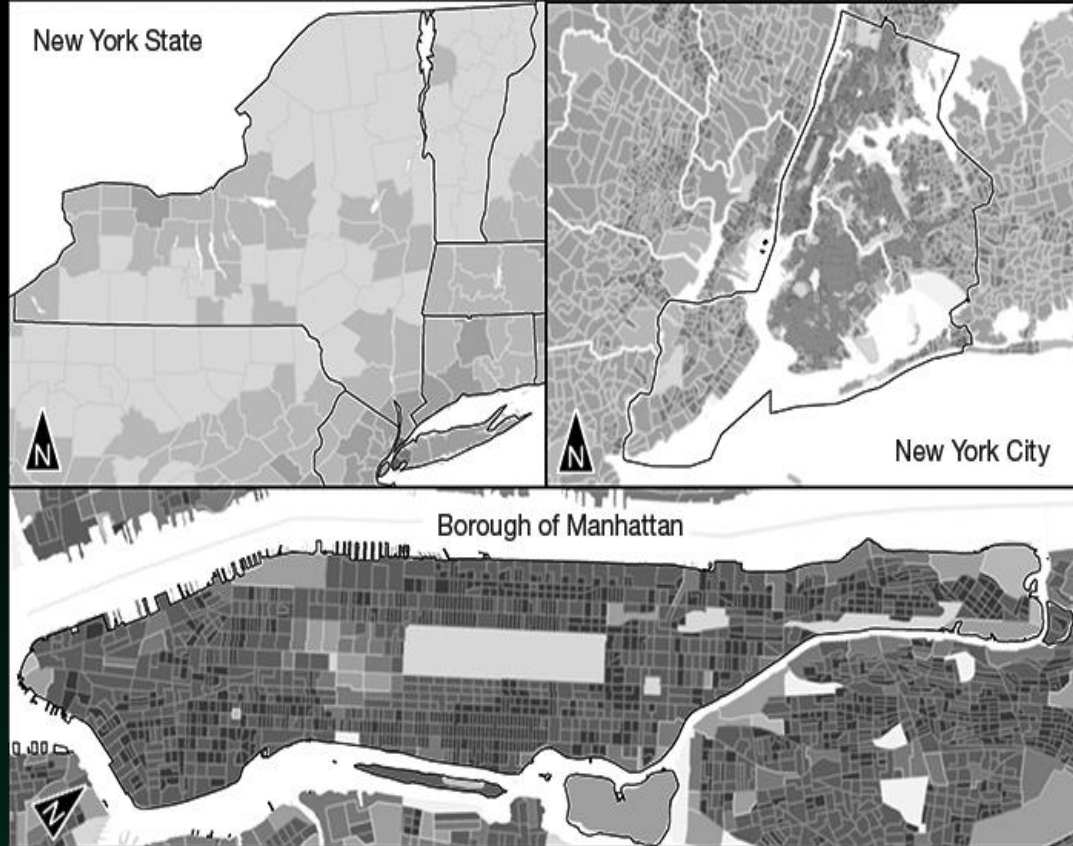


Text: “The vast Mongol empire stretched from China to Europe, across which the Silk Routes functioned as efficient lines of communication as well as trade. Protected under the so called Pax Mongolica, the routes were particularly safe from raiders or aggressive tribes in this period.”

Q1: Students describe the historical context.

Q2: Asks students to assess the author’s point of view regarding “Ghengis the Equalizer.”

AP Human Geography



NY Population Density at Different Scales

The darkest shading on the map indicates the areas with the highest population densities. Which of the following statements best describes the pattern of population density shown?

- A. Manhattan appears to have the lowest population density at all three scales.
- B. New York City's hinterlands have the highest population density.
- C. Population densities appear to be uniform at all three scales.
- D. New York City and New York State have similar population densities.
- E. Manhattan appears to have the highest population density at all three scales.

2021-2022
**Humanities
Social Studies
Opportunities**

AP Human Geography (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

AP World History: Modern (Grade 10)

AP Capstone (Seminar & Research, Grade 10, 11, 12)

AP United States History (Grade 11)

AP Psychology (Grades 10, 11, 12)

AP Economics: Micro & Macro (Grade 12)

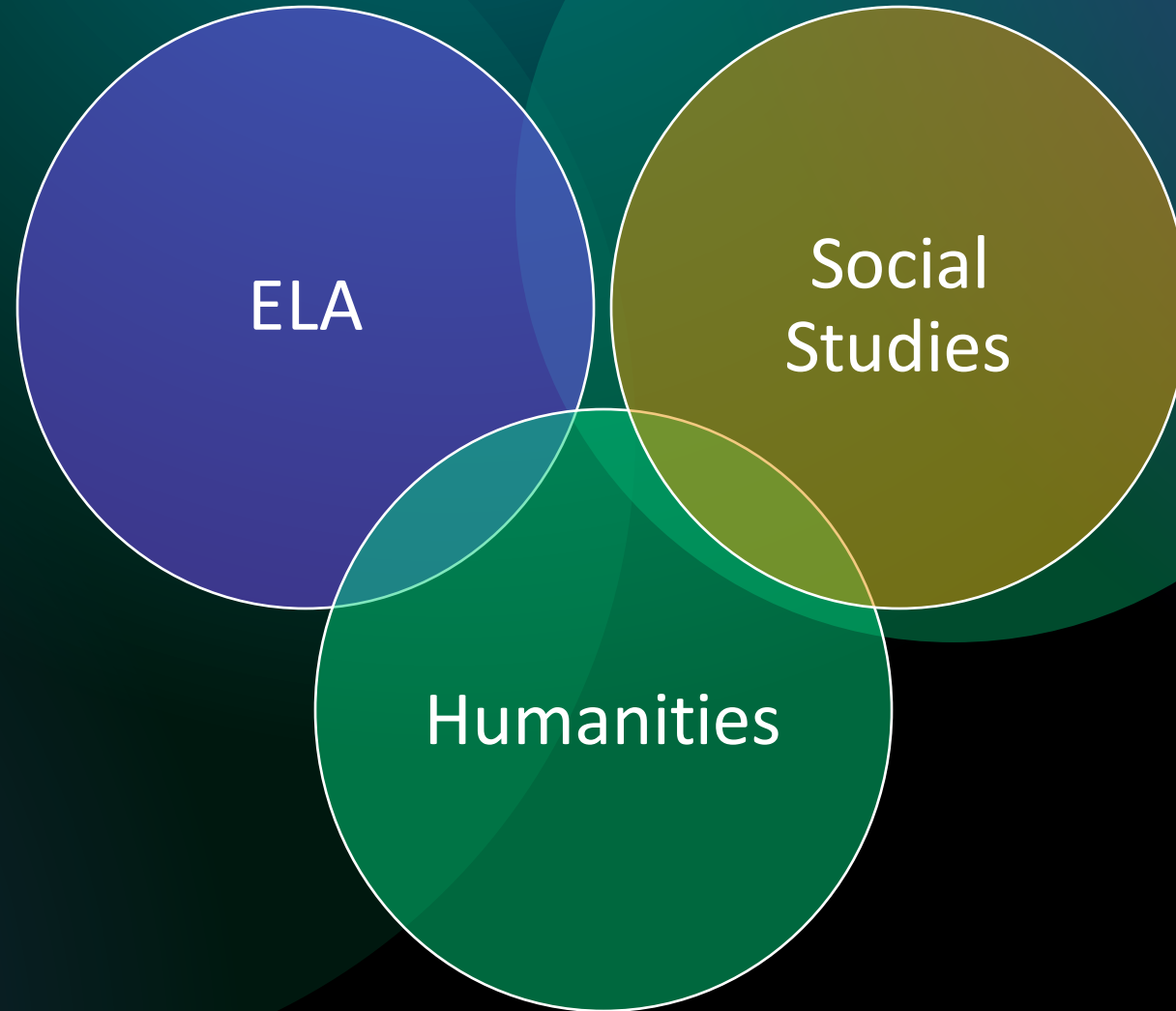
AP US Government & Politics (Grade 12)

Criminal Law (Grades 11, 12)

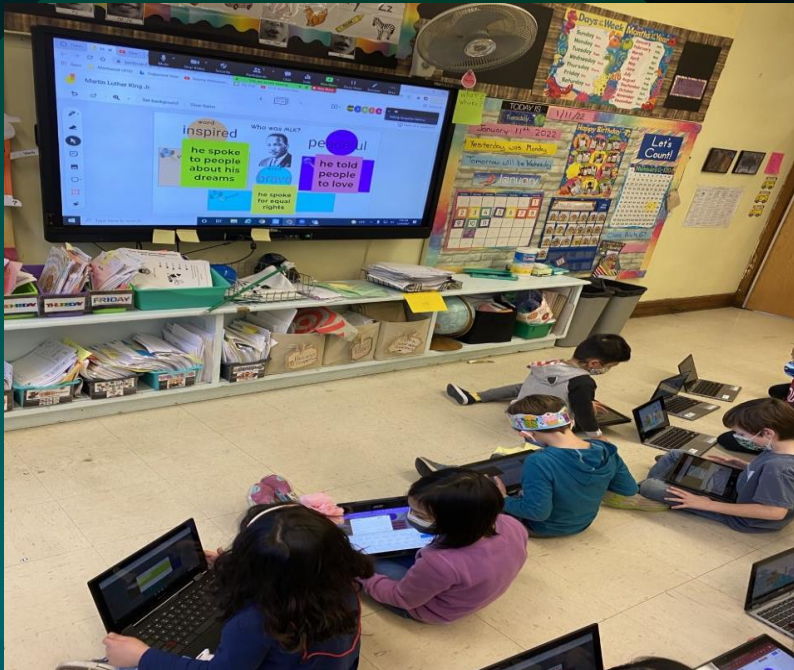
Pop Culture in American Society (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

History of Equity and Social Justice (Grades 10, 11, 12)

Humanities: Now & Moving Forward



Grade 1: Humanities Now



In this lesson the class:

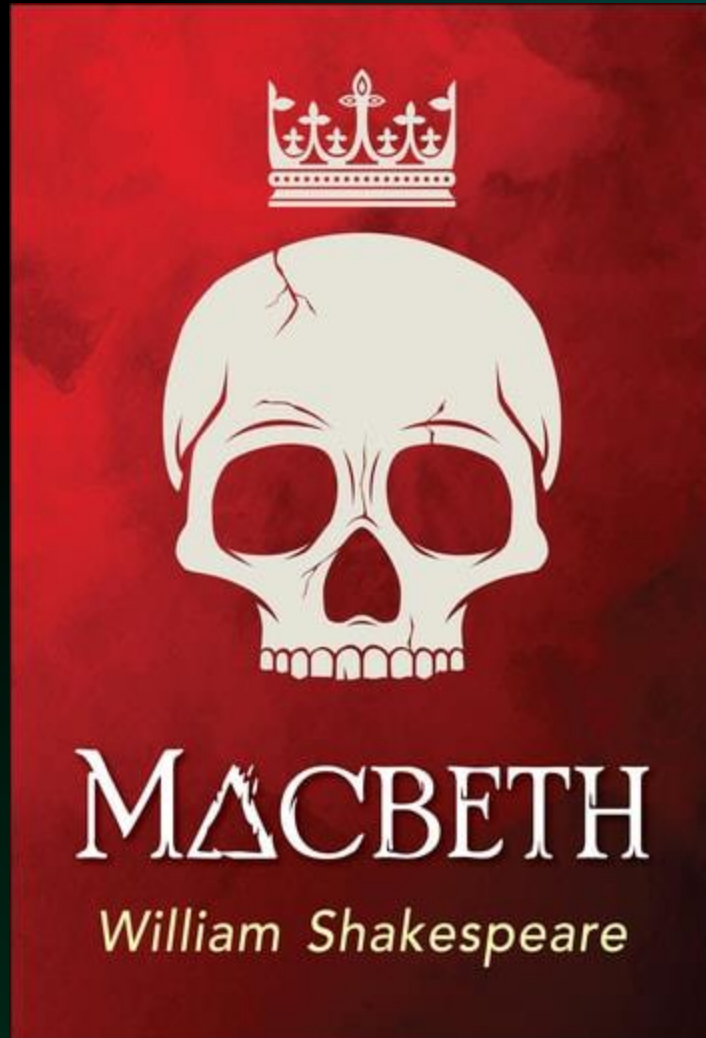
- **Read** a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. poem together during Foundations
- **Listened** to a read aloud about Dr. King
- **Chose** a Dr. King book from MyOn to read independently
- **Searched** for new words in the MyOn book during Reading Workshop
- **Jotted** new words found while reading Dr. King books on Google's Jamboard.

Grade 7: “Great Beings” Project



“Great Beings are ordinary people who possess unique characteristics of attitude, mind, personality and spirit. [...] *Great Beings* have their share of hardship struggle and challenge, but seem to have this ability to transform hardship, struggle, suffering, loss and challenge into a path of wisdom that benefits others.”

Grade 10: “Great Leaders”



In preparation for the upcoming *Macbeth* unit, students:

- Explored leadership philosophies and theories ranging from excerpts from Machiavelli's *The Prince* to Robert Greenleaf's "The Leader as Servant"
- Analyzed articles on contemporary leaders such as Steve Jobs and Bill Gates

Grades 7-12: "Humanities Speaker Series"



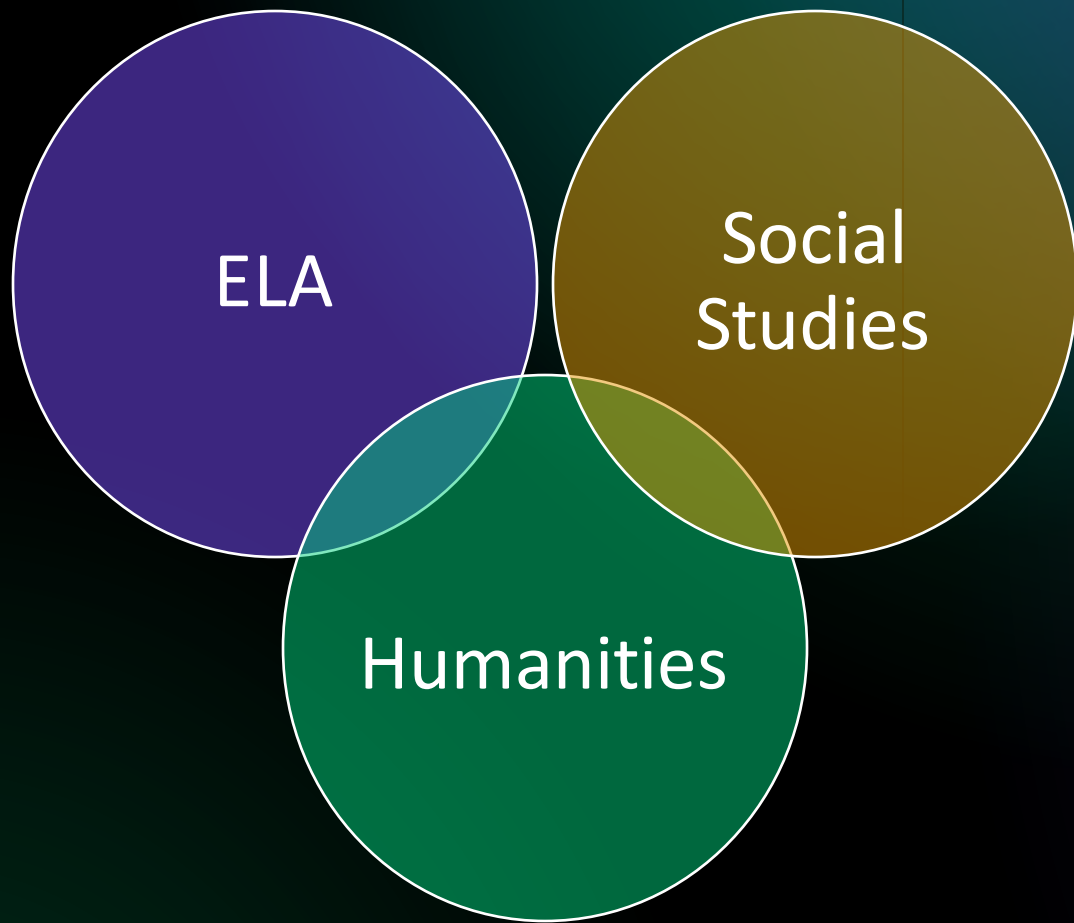
Jim Gold, CEO
Steward Partners Global Advisory



Magee Hickey, Reporter
WPIX-11 News



Siri Daly
Food Blogger & *Today Show* Contributor



- Integrate knowledge & ideas
- Evaluate/use craft & structure
- Evaluate & use key ideas & details
- Make logical Inferences
- Determine central ideas
- Analyze how/why individuals, events, and ideas develop over time/text
- Speak & write for appropriate audience, situation, & purpose
- Write arguments
- Produce, distribute, and present writing

2022-23 Planned Humanities Enhancements

- Align elementary TCRWP Reading and Writing and Social Studies practices
- Explore humanities honors opportunities
- Create a grade 8 ELA and social studies skills alignment and capstone project
- Enhance the Humanities' Media Literacy Speaker Series

Thank you!

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