



Welcome to the  
Hayah Middle School  
Family!



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# Background

- Education

- BA Mass Communications from UCLA
- Social Studies Teaching Credential from UC Davis
- Studied abroad in Salamanca, Spain

- Educational Experience

- 8<sup>th</sup> year teaching
- Led five student trips to Western Europe

- Hobbies

- Frequenting cafes, traveling, dancing, watching TV



# Teaching Schedule

- Grade 6-Ancient Civilizations
  - 6S
  - 6E
  - 6R
- Grade 7-Modern Egypt & the Middle East
  - 7T



# Grade 6 TCI Curriculum & Skills

- Ancient Civilizations
  - Mesopotamia
  - Egypt
  - China
  - Persia
  - Greece
  - Rome
- Literacy
- Note Taking
- Critical Thinking
  - Analyzing Sources
- Current Events
- Portfolio
- Active Participation



# Grade 7 Curriculum & Skills

- Quarter 1
  - Overview of the World since the Renaissance
- Quarter 2
  - Modern Egypt
- Quarter 3
  - Modern Egypt
- Quarter 4
  - The Middle East
- Literacy
- Note Taking
- Critical Thinking
  - Analyzing Sources
- Current Events
- Portfolio
- Active Participation



# Purpose

- For your child to be accepted and respected
- For your child to enjoy the learning process
- For your child to read, write & critically think
- For your child to get out of his/her comfort zone
- For your child to feel a sense of accomplishment and pride



# Hayah Core Values

- Respect
- Tolerance
- Honesty
- Trustworthiness
- Responsibility
- Perseverance
- Cooperation
- Gratitude





# Class Expectations

- Respect school facilities
- Contribute to a physically safe environment
- Contribute to an emotionally safe environment
- Listen quietly when someone else is talking
- Do not interrupt others' right to learn or my right to teach



# Materials

- Spiral Notebook 200 sheets minimum
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Pens
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- USB/flash drive
- Portable electronic device with internet connection



# Grading

| <b>Assessment Item</b>   | <b>Percentage</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>exams, tests &amp; alternative assessments (including quarter exam)</b>                   | 25%               |
| <b>quizzes</b>   | 10%               |
| <b>projects</b>  | 15%               |
| <b>classwork</b>   | 25%               |
| <b>homework (including current events)</b>   | 15%               |
| <b>organization, participation &amp; positively contributing to the learning environment</b> | 10%               |