



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS NOV. 28TH-DEC. 2ND TEACHER: DR. FREEBERG

Virtue: Generosity

Epistle: 13:1-7,13

Dear parents,

I hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving Break. I was generally pleased with the results of the England test. Students are becoming more proficient at providing complex, multi-faceted answers to history essay questions. I'm also looking forward to entering the strange and wonderful world of *Don Quixote* with the fifth graders. I would like to try to complete our reading of *Don Quixote* before winter break so that we don't lose our focus with a major interruption. Like *Robinson Crusoe*, *Don Quixote* is rich in vocabulary, so we will have vocabulary quizzes based on words from the text. The first quiz on Friday will cover words from the opening chapters of the book. In composition there will be a number of short in-class writing assignments in response to various issues and episodes in the text. In history we will begin an overview of the Age of Exploration. I'm assigning reading in both history and literature each night this week, but I will try to provide some class time each day to get a start on these assignments. In geography we will review basic terms and concepts in preparation for a quiz that will be given next Monday. Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Bruce Freeberg

Dates to Remember:

Friday: *Don Quixote* Vocabulary Quiz-Ch. 1-5

Monday, Dec. 5th: Geography Quiz on Terms and Concepts

Homework:

Monday: Read *Don Quixote*, ch. 4 and answer reading questions; Read "Portuguese Exploration" and answer reading questions; Review for vocabulary quiz

Tuesday: Read *Don Quixote*, ch. 5 and complete reading response assignment; Read "Christopher Columbus" and answer reading questions; Review for geography and vocabulary quiz

Wednesday: Read *Don Quixote* ch. 6 and answer reading questions; Read "A Spanish Empire and it's Critics" and answer reading questions; Review for geography and vocabulary quiz

Thursday: Read *Don Quixote* ch. 7 and answer reading questions; Read "Magellan's Voyage" and answer reading questions; Final review for vocabulary quiz

Friday: Read *Don Quixote* ch. 8 and answer reading questions; Read "England Explores and Colonizes" and answer reading questions; Final review for geography quiz

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