

# 8th Grade English

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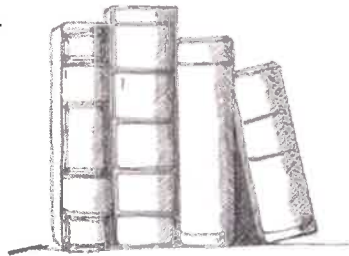
Timing is Everything

You are all incredibly important to me, but so is Avery. When I get home, he becomes my top priority. If you need help, email me ASAP as I do not check my email after 4 p.m. Better yet, come see me during guided study. And always remember your classmates are resources, too.



## class materials

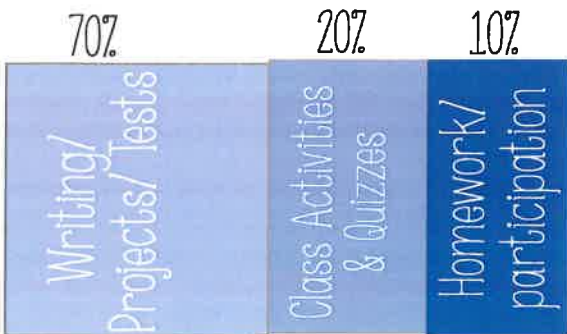
- A composition notebook and three ring binder with paper
- Pencils & pens
- 2 folders
- Vocabulary Workshop
- Current reading
- Markers/scissors/tape/paperclips



## preparation

- 1 Come prepared to class with your binder, planner, notebooks, writing utensils, & lap top (if requested by me). Check the list on the door each day for guidance.
- 2 Turn in homework/projects upon arrival. Put work in folder and place folder in the turn in box.
- 3 Begin working on bell work immediately so that class may begin within a few minutes of "bell".

## grades



## responsibility

Please check grades on Jupiter regularly and feel free to ask me any questions that you have about a received grade asap.

If you are absent, you are responsible for completing your make-up work (two days for make-up for each day absent).

Have assignments printed prior to class; if not it is considered late. Late work will receive a seven point reduction for up to four days. Late homework will not be accepted.

## Reading Blog

<http://mrspuritispulleysla.weebly.com/mrs-ps-reading-blog>

Follow my book blog for book recommendations.

# Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic zero. This includes copying homework, classwork, test answers, talking during a test or quiz, and trying to turn in someone else's work (including the Internet's) as your own.



## assignment formatting

All typed assignments must be in **12 PT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT**, double-spaced, and have 1" margins with your name, my name, class period, and date in the top left corner with a centered title.

If your printer at home is having issues, please be prepared to arrive to school early to print out your work.

# homework

**Students should read 20-30 minutes every night.** This reading should be either from an assigned text or independent reading. This year we will read together:

**Serial Season 2 (the podcast)**

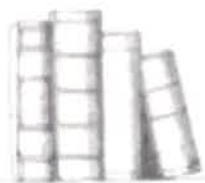
**The Crucible by Arthur Miller**

**The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**Born a Crime by Trevor Noah**

**Teaching Mr. Griffin by Lois Duncan**

Summaries of each text are available on my website. \*Selections are subject to change at teacher's discretion.



This year you will be expected to complete one independent reading novel each quarter. A project will be assigned to go with it.

# policy for absences & grades

All make-up work will be placed in the absentee folders behind the door, and your name will be written on any work you missed. It is your responsibility to check with me for help on making up any assignments or receiving help on missed content.

If you know you are going to be absent beforehand, you should ask me for your make-up work before the absence.

This can be done before or after school or via e-mail.



## How is 8th grade different?

Writing assignments will occur in class more often; they will be timed and handwritten when this occurs.

Each Friday we will take a grammar quiz to practice editing skills. If necessary, the amount and caliber of the quizzes may be adjusted to ensure students meet teacher's expectations.

Vocabulary quizzes will be fill in the blank, not multiple choice.

Please see my website for more  
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