

8th Grade Honors Language Arts
Syllabus 2017-2018 School Year
Mrs. Stephanie Marlow

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Class Supplies (bring daily):

Pencil or pen

Composition or Spiral Notebook

Reading Book

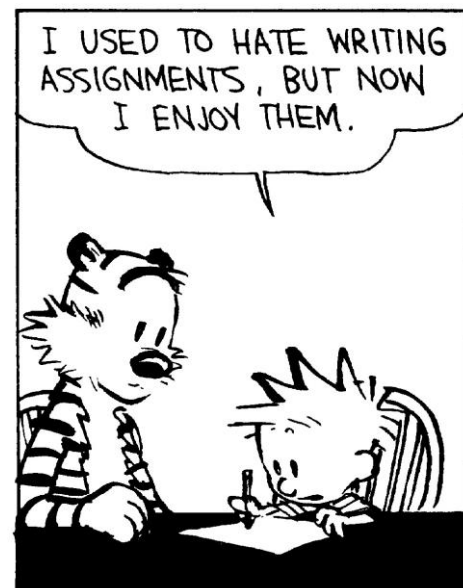
The eighth grade English curriculum is reading and writing rich -- much the same as it has always been. All assignments, skills taught, reviewed, and mastered will be based on the Idaho Common Core Standards. The main areas we will be focusing on will be parts of speech, writing conventions and composition, types of text, and novel/short story structure. Students will have a larger work load at times and be expected to work independently and in small group settings. Most of all, students will be challenged with their thinking and ways of viewing simple/difficult issues.

Semester 1: August 22-January 11

- Pretesting
- Daily Grammar
- *Scope Magazine/Impact Short Stories*
- noredink.com Homework Assignments
- Class Novel: *The Giver*
- Suspense Unit
- Narrative Writing:
 - Personal Memoir0570
 - Scary Stories
- Class Novel: *The Boy in The Striped Pajamas/The Cage*
- Informative Writing:
 - Compare/Contrast Essay
 - Annotated Bibliography

Semester 2: January 15-May 23

- Daily Grammar
- *Scope Magazine/Impact Short Stories*
- noredink.com Homework Assignments
- Poetry Unit/Poetry Portfolio
- Class Novel: *Free The Children*
- Argumentative/Persuasive Writing:
 - Evidence/Citations
 - Child Labor Essay
 - DBQ
 - Parent Letter



- Argument vs. Persuasion Unit
- Literature Circles/Figurative Language Dictionary

Grading:

Assignments	60%
Tests/Quizzes	40%

Absent Work:

Students are responsible to make up work whenever they are unable to attend for any reason. When he/she returns to school, they first need to check the **Absent** board as well as check with Mrs. Marlow. Students have one week to turn in absent work for full credit. After the allotted one week, work may still be turned in but will receive half credit.

Late Work:

Assignments are expected to be turned in on time unless one is absent or special circumstances are involved. If turned in after the due date, the score will be decreased by 50%. Late work will be accepted for the current quarter only. If never turned in, the score will be entered in as a zero.

Coupons:

Each student will receive 3 Marlow Coupons per quarter to leave the classroom to return to their locker, use the restroom, etc. If students have any coupons left at the end of the quarter, they may be used for extra-credit (10 points/coupon).

Classroom Rules:

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Please review and sign below and return for 30 points by October 26, 2017.

Student Signature_____

Parent/Guardian signature_____