



Mrs. DeAnna Pitman

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8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Google Classroom: f1zprhy (if you joined last year, you are already registered)

## Classroom Supplies

- ✓ Clear Pencil Box that can fit in backpack
- ✓ 5 yellow highlighters, 5 blue or black pens, 5 red pens
- ✓ 5 #2 pencils or mechanical pencil with extra lead
- ✓ 3 white out tapes
- ✓ 1 large eraser
- ✓ 6 homework folders
- ✓ 3 ring binder with 1" rings for autobiography
- ✓ 3 ring binder with 2" rings for grammar
- ✓ Calculator (Math), Index cards (Science)
- ✓ 3 single subject spiral notebooks (60-100 sheets wide ruled)
- ✓ Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Handi-Wipes, paper towels

Students need to come prepared to class every day with a pencil, red pens, highlighter, homework folder and a spiral notebook.

## Other Important Information:

### ***Literature***

Throughout the year, we will be learning how to recognize and appreciate the value of all genres of literature. There will be a variety of writing activities and assignments throughout the year. We will also read and study several novels as a class. Various activities and projects will be tied to the novels. These readings may include, but are not restricted to: My Brother Sam is Dead, Diary of Anne Frank, The Outsiders, On My Honor, The Cage and Romeo and Juliet. Students will also be grouped together to engage in a group novel study. Students will be able to select from a number of novels selected by the teacher. The groups will set reading goals and will hold meetings periodically to analyze and explore the novel as well as complete a list of assignments.

### ***AR Reading***

Silent AR reading will take place during Literature. As a class, we will go to the library every week to exchange books. It is the student's responsibility to come to class prepared with a book to read every day. Students will have a required number of AR points per trimester that will be 10% of their Reading grade. Tests can be taken in class and after school with Mrs. Pitman. An independent project will be assigned per trimester based on an AR book that the student has read, outside of the class novels.

### ***Vocabulary and Spelling***

We will be working each week in our Spelling and Vocabulary books. The Spelling book and WPDs will be assigned every Tuesday and due the following Tuesday with the test on Wednesday. Vocab books will be assigned every Wednesday and due the following Wednesday with the test on Thursday.

## ***Grading- all assignments will be weighted***

### Literature

Tests-40%

Homework-30%

Classwork-20%

AR/Other-10%

### Spelling and Vocab

Tests-50%

Homework-50%

## ***Extra Credit***

Extra credit may be offered throughout the year on various assignments. Students are encouraged to complete the extra credit if possible. Additional extra credit will not be available to students who have late/missing assignments, have not come to Mrs. Pitman for help and/or who have not taken advantage of previously offered extra credit.

## ***Homework Policy***

A study hall will be given for any incomplete or missing assignment. To receive any credit, an incomplete/missing assignment must be turned into Mrs. Pitman within two days from due date. The assignment will be graded and will be assessed a 10% penalty for being late.

## ***Absences***

Students will be allotted time equal to the number of days missed to submit make-up work. Work not turned in by the due date will result in a study hall and a zero on the assignment will be issued. It is the student's responsibility to obtain absent work.

## ***Other***

- Students are required to participate in class and be respectful to their peers, themselves, and their teacher. Consequences for misconduct may include detention, parent notification and/or referral to the principal.
- Plagiarism and cheating is not acceptable! Each student is required to put forth their personal best. If a student is suspected of plagiarism or cheating, the parents and the principal will be notified and consequences will be determined.
- No food or drink is allowed in class! Drinks may be left by the back door until class is over.
- Use the restroom before coming to class. Please do not disrupt class time to ask to be excused unless it is an emergency.