

### Classroom Expectations

1. Be ready!
  - ❖ Bring all supplies to class.
2. Be responsible!
  - ❖ Pay attention & stay on task.
3. Be respectful!
  - ❖ Respect others & their property.
  - ❖ Listen when others are speaking.

### Consequences

1. Verbal warning
  2. Teacher-student conference
  3. Reflection and/or guidance referral
  4. Detention
  5. Discipline referral
- \*severe cases, such as fighting or bullying will result in an immediate referral

### Reading Requirement

Each quarter, you are required to read a specific number of self-selected books. Additional directions and due dates will be provided during class and posted on my website at a later date.



This year I will be using Remind with my classes. Remind is a safe way for teachers to text or email students and parents reminders. All texts and e-mails can only go one way - from me to you and/or your child. Since it is sent through an anonymous server, cell phone numbers are *never* exchanged. Register to receive text messages and/or email messages with reminders, homework assignments, and other important class information. See attached handout for sign up information based on your class period.

### Supplies Needed Daily

- ✓ Composition notebook (hard black & white marble color; *no spiral rings please*)
- ✓ 3-ring binder (1 inch with pocket for composition book)
- ✓ Dividers
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Loose leaf paper
- ✓ Pencils & pens
- ✓ Portable pencil sharpener (cheap plastic one; not electric)

### Grading Policy

Class Work/Participation	40%
Tests	30%
Projects/Writing Assignments	20%
Homework	10%

### Absences

Upon returning from an absence, you should complete the following steps:

1. Turn in any work you were assigned before your absence.
2. Check the "Make-Up Calendar" for assignments missed.
3. Check the "Make-Up Bin" for handouts missed.
4. Check with a classmate for notes missed, and with Ms. Steffens for any additional "updates."
5. Turn in your completed make-up work in the "Make-Up Work Folder." Make-up work is due TWO days after your return to school.

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the absent work and turn it in by the due date. I will not personally ask you for the work and if it is late, it will be subject to point deductions (see late work policy). You can also check my class website to see what you are missing during an absence.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts 2014-2015 Ms. Steffens

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*Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Email is the fastest way to contact me. I will try to get back to you within 24 hours during the school week; however, please note that I am unable to access email and phone messages after school hours.*

### Class Website

The class website will be your go-to spot for homework, important announcements, resources, contact information and more.



[steffenslajh.weebly.com](http://steffenslajh.weebly.com)

### Homework Policy

Homework is given to reinforce the lessons presented in class and to practice skills that have been covered. I will assign homework as needed. Homework will be posted on the board daily. When homework is not assigned, you should spend time reading your self-selected novel.

### Late Work

All work that is not 100% completed and ready to hand in at the beginning of the class on the assigned due date will lose points for being late. A 20% deduction will be given for work turned in one day late. No credit will be given for work turned in after the one day grace period.