Class 8th Grade Language Arts Email Kristen.Bain@k12.sd.us

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Class Website <http://bainenglish.weebly.com>

**Major Texts:** Prentice Hall Literature Grade Eight, McDougal Littell Literature, Holt Elements of Language

**Literature Text Website:** [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com)

**Class Expectations:** Students are expected to come to class prepared and with a positive attitude. All work must be completed in BLUE or BLACK ink. Pencil, marker, or other color ink will not be accepted. Students are expected to be able to participate in groups and interact in an appropriate manner with classmates. Assignments are expected to be turned in on time and with the appropriate amount of time and consideration taken into each assignment. Name, date, and class period should be in the top right hand corner of every paper turned in.

**Class Rules:** In order for class to run smoothly, students are to adhere to the following rules:

1. Be on-time, on-task, and prepared to learn every day.
2. Respect the teacher, the classroom, and other students.
3. Be in your seat with your planner and binder, working on bell work when the bell rings.

**Consequences:** Subject to change depending on the severity of the offense and how distracting it is to the class.

1. Verbal warning
2. Call home
3. Written up/sent to office

**Grading:**

* Classwork/binder 20%
* Centers 20%
* Assessments/projects 30%
* Writing portfolio 30%

**Cell phones and electronic devices:** Cell phones, ipods, lasers, and other electronic devices are not permitted in the classroom. See the handbook for more detail. Students who choose to bring these items need to keep them in his/her lockers. Students who bring these items to class will lose them. They will be given to the office for a parent/guardian to pick up or held by the principal until the end of the school year.

**Supplies Needed:**

* Blue or Black ink pens
* Loose leaf notebook paper – college ruled (in binder)
* 1 ½ in. binder (stays in the classroom)
* 5 dividers for binder (bell ringers, reading, centers, writing, and extras)
* Flash drive
* A highlighter of any color
* Student Planner (purchased for $5)

**Tardiness:** I follow the Holgate Middle School handbook tardy policy. If you are not in your seat when the bell rings, you will need to go to the office to get a late pass. Please check the student handbook for the consequences of tardiness.

**Absent Work:** I follow the Holgate Middle School handbook for make-up work. There are two days allowed for make-up work for each day the student missed. Students can find everything they missed while absent on the classroom website. Any handouts not available on the website can be found in the “absent bin” in class organized by date. Students will not be permitted to check the class website during class. This needs to be done before school, after school, or during other permitted times during the day. If you don’t have internet access, make arrangements after school to use the library.

**Late Work:** Classwork not completed during the day becomes homework. As the rest of the class turns in their assignments, fill out a “missing work” slip and turn it in. The assignment is now due the following day at the beginning of class or it is late. Any assignment tuned in late will have 20% automatically deducted.

**Extra Help:** Please ask! I’m always willing to help. Feel free to email me questions. I will do my best to check email periodically in the evening. I am also available until 3:30PM each day after school. Appointments can also be made to see me.

**Extra Credit:** I will give extra credit on an individual basis according to need. Any student with a “B” or above will not be able to request extra credit. There are, however, opportunities for extra credit if you finish your classwork early. A request for extra credit must come in writing. I require at least three paragraphs including your reasons for why you deserve to be given extra credit. I will set something up for you, but it will come with a due date that is non-negotiable. Late extra credit will not be accepted.

**Dismissal:** The teacher dismisses the class, **NOT THE BELL**.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (worth 10 points if turned in on Tuesday, August 25th).