

# WELCOME TO ENGLISH 8! CLASS CONTENT:

Mrs. Bruffey

We meet 5 days a week for grammar, novels, composition, spelling, vocab.  
We meet 2 days a week for literature.

\* **Grammar** - We will cover all the grammar chapters.

\* **Novels/Books** - We will read: *Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth Speare  
*Michael Strogoff* by Jules Verne  
*20,000 Leagues under the Sea* by Jules Verne  
*Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain  
Christian biography

\* **Composition** - Most writing assignments will involve two drafts: a rough draft and a final draft. The rough draft must be attached to the final draft. NEVER throw away any part of a writing assignment; ALWAYS staple the latest on top.

\* **Spelling** - quiz on Wednesday (10 sentences will be dictated) – 5 points per vocab word, 2 points each for other words and punctuation.

\* **Vocabulary** – exercises due 2 days a week (Tu, Fri), quiz on Wednesday.

\* **Literature** (2 days per week) – We will read *The Yearling* (1<sup>st</sup> marking period), Unit 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> marking period), Unit 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> marking period), and Unit 3 (4<sup>th</sup> marking period).

\* **Poetry** - one poem must be memorized by the third Thursday of each month (I don't "notice" a few mistakes if recited or written up to 24 hours before the due date).

## NEW THIS YEAR:

\* **Interactive Notebook (INB)** – This is a pop-up style book we will create throughout the year in a composition notebook. Bring it to class with you every day, and be prompt in completing new additions. Periodic checks will be announced (quiz grade).

\* **ShowMe.com** - <http://www.showme.com/--1631> – Check this website for short tutorials on current assignments and/or projects.

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- \* 3-ring binder with the above seven sections (may use for other classes too)
- \* at least 2 pocket dividers for 3-ring binder (for homework assignments, etc.)
- \* notebook filler paper, pencil, and **red pen**
- \* 2-pocket folder for research paper (NEVER throw away anything I review/write on)
- \* composition notebook (100 pages)
- \* glue (liquid glue, not glue stick)
- \* dry erase marker

## CLASS GRADING:

		Examples
Daily work:	20%	grammar assignments, vocab assignments, literature assignments, rough draft of writing assignments
Quizzes:	35%	spelling quizzes, vocabulary quizzes, poems, rough draft of research paper, final draft of small writing assignments, INB checks
Tests:	45%	chapter/unit tests, research paper final draft

## CLASS GUIDELINES:

- \* Be in your seat and ready to start (homework in tray) when the bell rings.
- \* Bring needed textbooks, INB, notebook paper, and a writing implement every day.
- \* Be conscientious in your work. Make it neat and on time (rubrics stapled before class) .

My email is [mhbruffey@fourthbaptist.org](mailto:mhbruffey@fourthbaptist.org). I regularly use email to communicate.

My website is <http://fourthbaptistchristianschool.org/bruffey>. Check it for homework.

**All handouts are posted on my website so you can print when needed.**