

## Course Syllabus

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Class: Writing 8

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### Course Description

The course gives the students an opportunity to write every day and use the writing process. Students will also practice using the 6+ 1 Traits of Writing to improve their individual writing skills.

### Materials Needed

- A sturdy 3 ring binder that will hold up through the school year
- 2 packages of index dividers for the 3 ring binder
- Notebook filler paper
- Pencils, pens (black/blue/red/green), erasers
- A Jump Drive
- *Write Source 2000* textbook
- *Write Source Skills Book*

### Academic and Behavioral Expectations

The class period is approximately 45 minutes long. There will be several guided and independent activities that will take place in that time. It is expected that the student work within Wahoo Middle School's academic and behavioral expectations (see below). All the homework assigned will be due at the beginning of class on unless otherwise noted. Quizzes and tests will be announced in advance and need to be completed the day that they are assigned. Long-term projects will also be announced in advance and are to be completed by the date assigned.

#### ***Wahoo Middle School Academic Expectations***

- *Be on time and prepared for learning*
- *Complete assigned tasks on time*
- *Strive for academic success*
- *Use work time productively*
- *Respect people and property*
- *Respond appropriately to staff directives*

### Grading

All daily assignments will be checked into the grade book. A checkmark means the assignment met the requirements. After 3 checkmarks a grade will be entered in the grade book, based on a 10-point scale. Points will be deducted for an incomplete assignment or a late assignment. Each assignment is worth 33% of the homework grade.

### Additional Information

If a student misses class, the responsibility of getting the notes, activity sheets and assignments is that of the student. Extra copies of activity sheets can be found in the Make Up basket on the table by my desk.

The student can ask questions or seek additional help outside of class in several ways. The teacher is available before school, during study hall, during 7<sup>h</sup> period and after school.

### Calendar of assignments (subject to change)

There will be...

- 6 Traits Writing: Various assignments in different genre = 34 % of final grade
- Language Skills: Grammar, Usage, Editing = 33% of final grade
- Vocabulary: Word Generation = 33% of final grade

