**Working on Conventions Appropriate for 8th grade Writers**

**Explanation of symbols on marked papers.**

**Ideas**

* inacc --inaccurate
* ?           -- in margin means passage is confusing or unclear, over word or phrase means I don’t understand its meaning.
* awk      -- awkward:  sentence is, difficult to read and comprehend

**Full Sentences**

* frag       – sentence fragment
* ro          -- run-on sentence (2 independent clauses in 1 sentence without punctuation or conjunction)

**Spelling**

* sp          -- spelling error

**Capitalization**

*  -- capitalize
*  -- lower case

**Paragraphing**

*  -- insert new paragraph

**Verb tense** -

* vt? -- verb tense - past tense needed for history

**Third person**

* 1st? -- first person should not be used in formal writing

**General Marks to help you build general skills.**

*  -- strike out
*  -- insert period
*  -- general insert
*  -- join
* w/c        – word choice doesn’t express what you seem to mean
* rep      – repetitive