

Creative Writing

Teacher: Mrs. Job

Room 121

Course description: This course will introduce students to a wide variety of writing. It is a writing intensive class. We will work on refining writing skills in order to help students in their writing for other classes. The elements of process writing are emphasized. Reading is a required in order to model good writing techniques. Communication, problem solving and critical thinking skills will also be stressed.

Some of the topics we cover and the different forms of writing:

Personal writing- personal narrative, essay

Subject writing- descriptive, eyewitness account and interview

Creative Writing- short stories, playwriting, poetry, slam

Persuasive writing- pet peeve essay, editorial

Academic writing- process essay, comparison, problem/solution

Writing about literature- personal responses to literature,

Research writing- summary writing, report

Workplace writing- business letters, forms for workplace

The possibilities are endless.....

Attendance: You are responsible for all material presented in class, including announcements about course procedures. Exams, quizzes and homework often include questions on material presented only in class, so performance on these indirectly reflects attendance. I follow the attendance and grading policies as stated in the student handout. I expect each student to be in class promptly with any and all necessary books, assignments and material needed. Passing time is to be used for errands, the restroom etc. (* you will be given 3 passes for the quarter. After that you will be issued a tardy).

Evaluation: Reading response journals, you will be required to keep a journal responding to various prompts including situations, readings and movies. We will be participation in online activities in which you must be able to join my google classroom for posting items. Test usually will include multiple choice, matching etc. and essay questions. Homework assignments, in-class quizzes announced and unannounced quizzes will be given. **NO LATE WORK** will be accepted. Grades will be posted on powerschool and may be viewed online at any time. You may be graded for participation both written and orally. Sleeping in class will not be tolerated. Be an active and interested learner. Academic dishonesty will result in an automatic E on the assignment.

Class Portfolio/ Notebook: before exams you will be required to go through your semester's work for this course and turn in a portfolio that includes copies of your best work and illustrates the improvement you have made over the semester.

I will treat each member of the class with courtesy and respect, and I will expect the same courtesy and respect returned not only to me but also to any student or visitor to our room. Failure to follow this basic behavior will result in appropriate action.

I hope your school year in enjoyable. You may see me before school, after school or during my A lunch hour if you have any questions. Together we can have a great year!

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Can you think of fifteen ways to use a feather? Do you know similarities between a bowling ball and a shirt button? Are you the type of person to imagine if frogs could fly? If so, the creative part of this class could be the peanut butter to fill all of your chocolate. As to the writing - a variety: stories, poems, newspaper columns, historical fiction. The amount? A little to a lot. Models are studied as an introduction to a new writing technique. Elective (4th year English requirement)

CREDIT: 0.5 **TYPE:** Regular **GRADE:** 10-12