

**CREATIVE WRITING
COURSE DESCRIPTION**

2018 - 2019

Course Title:	Creative Writing
Grade Level:	6-12
Prerequisites:	None
Length of Course:	One Year
Meets/Instructor:	Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 10:30 am Canyon Oak Jalynne Redman - jredman@ccoe.k12.ca.us
Requirements:	Chromebook Signed Tech Waiver Internet access

Course Description:

This workshop meets once a week. The focus of the class will be to inspire students to develop original writing pieces and ideas. Additionally, the workshop will stress tips and techniques to develop student understanding of different genres of writing, through both reading and writing. It will also stress necessary elements needed to improve writing and composition skills for both fiction and non-fiction works.

As part of the workshop, students will cover such genres as autobiographies, writing speeches, family storytelling, book reports, fairy tales, short stories, short novels, infographics, fantasies as well as blogging. Reading and writing assignments will be given weekly, along with occasional class presentation activities. Each month of school will stress a genre and certain writing styles. Grammar practice and vocabulary development will also be included. Blogging will be a weekly expectation.

Learning Outcomes:

- A. Identify and create the five elements of a story: plot, setting, characters, theme, and conflict
- B. Identify, select develop strategies for writing genres
- C. Correctly incorporate various style elements, focusing on sentence variation, grammar and word choice
- D. Read and discuss a variety of writing types; gain writing confidence
- E. Use technology as part of the communication process

Unit I

INTRODUCTION/ALL ABOUT BLOGGING:

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Story elements
- What do we mean by blogging?
- Blogging as a form of journalism
- **The Blog/Free Expression, creativity and the writing process.**
- Blog Journal

Unit II

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **The Autobiography as a writing form**
- Infographics
- Blog Journal

Unit III

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- Critical analysis of writing/journalism
- **The Movie Review - how to think and write as an informed critic**
- Infographics
- Blog Journal

Unit IV

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **The Book Report - Set Up & Analysis; Literary Review**

- Infographics
- Blog Journal

Unit V

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- Presentations
- **Introduction to Haiku as a creative form;**
- Blog Journal

Unit VI

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **The Fairy Tale**
- Blog Journal

Unit VII

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **The Short Story**
- Blog Journal

Unit VIII

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **Fantasy as a form of popular writing**
- Blog Journal

Unit IX

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **Science fiction and more**
- Blog Journal

Unit X

- Vocabulary
- Common grammar tips
- Elements of writing style
- **The Short Novel**
- Blog Journal