

Course Expectations Planning Guide

English

123 Creative Writing

Please Note: All listed information is intended to provide a general guideline for students in planning their course load. All information provided will vary according to the individual study needs and academic motivation. Events and responsibilities may vary year-to-year.

Weekly Time Commitment

Calculated by surveying students to identify an approximate amount of time spent outside of the school day in order to be successful in this course

1-2 hours

Standard Responsibilities

Successful students may have the following responsibilities in order to be successful in this course:

The first half of this class deals with the skills of creative writing. Examples of the skills assignments to be done in this class are: Dialogue; Plotting; Perspective; Flashbacks; Metaphor; Theme; etc. Each week you will receive a packet dealing with the skill of the week to be placed in your folder. Your mastery of these skills will be tested with periodic IMPROMPTUS. These impromptus are timed, in-class writing assignments using an unusual picture as inspiration. Daily assignments include the journal and all related assignments.

During the second half of the class—3rd quarter, you put your skills into practice and produce four projects: An illustrated children's book; a one-act play; a short-story; and a collection of thematic poetry. The due dates for these large-point assignments are considered to be ABSOLUTE DEADLINES. These assignments are the core experiences of the class and must be completed to receive credit for the class. Participation is an important part of this class. You will be offering one another support and constructively critical advice. This will take the form of class discussion, round-table critique and the weekly coffeehouse.

The speech/communication facet of this class is embodied in our weekly "Coffeehouse" where you may earn participation points for reading your own written work to the class and responding to the work of others.

Significant Events

Students may expect some significant events that may be a part of this class.

Outside opportunities will arise in the form of poetry slams and open mic' events. Students are strongly encouraged to attend such opportunities.