

Options: Creative Writing
Course description and syllabus

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Creative Writing is, as its name suggests, a course where students are taught techniques for improving their writing, and where they are encouraged to break out of stale writing patterns they have developed over the years. All students who register for this course **must have** basics writing skills, with grade level proficiency in grammar and composition. Children who are struggling with the basics of grammar and composition will not benefit from this class. The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the literary genres of prose, poetry, and drama with a fair amount of homework consisting of reading and writing.

This is a half credit high school course and should be supplemented at home with another focus in Language Arts.

Syllabus:

The beginning of the school year will be spent in covering the basics such as poetic terminology, narrative techniques, vocabulary, literary devices, topic sentences etc.

Students will then be introduced to examples of the following literary genres. They will work on one creative composition a month, spending more time on works that require team effort, such as the one-act- plays. They will be encouraged to read their original pieces to the class. Shy students will not be compelled to do so.

POETRY (limerick, lyric, sonnet, ode, ballad, blank verse, free verse, etc.)

PROSE (fable, parable, short story, historical fiction, biography, autobiography)

DRAMA (one-act play, historical play, radio/shadow play, short film?)