

Creative Writing

Instructor: Megan Oldfield

Class Code : CW400

Co-teacher?

Class Time 9:35-10:30am

Tuition : \$17.50/semester

Length of Class (1st sem/ 2nd sem/both) Both

Materials Fee : None

Description:

Relying heavily on the workshop process, this class will offer high school students an opportunity to study and practice the basic techniques and fundamentals of the writer's craft.

During the first semester, we will explore the major genres of creative writing (non-fiction, poetry, fiction, and stage/screenwriting). Students will read professionally written forms of creative writing as models and then integrate their impressions of these works with their personal lives as they respond to journal prompts and other writing exercises.

During the second semester, students will deepen their focus on one particular area and develop an independent project or portfolio. Students will write extensively and participate in candid, supportive critiques of their work and that of their peers. The instructor will also examine work individually with students during personal conferences.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to meet professional writers and learn about the publishing process as well as careers in the writing field.

(While this class will require real academic effort, it should not be used as a stand-alone course in English. Literature and/or grammar supplements are recommended for those who might need it.)

Enrollment: Min:

6

Max:

12

Pre-Requisites:

Grades 9-12 (and enthusiastic 8th graders). Please note: This class is designed for students who enjoy writing, have respect for the writing process, and understand how to manage their time and complete assignments both in and out of the classroom. Students must have the desire and maturity to receive constructive criticism about their work and give helpful feedback to their peers throughout the year.

Required Text:

None required, but Writers, INC is a highly recommended resource.

Additional Materials:

Composition notebook/journal (writer's notebook)
3-ring binder with lined paper (for class notes and handouts)
Black pen (for writing); blue pen (for editing)

Contact Information

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aides needed

None

Duties of aide(s)

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