

Creative Writing

Mrs. Barclay

Welcome to Creative Writing. In this class you'll be learning how to express creativity through writing. You will have the opportunity to try out various styles of writing and be able to spend some time reading. All of this with the goal of a full portfolio when we finish the semester. Each and every person is responsible for contributing to the collective success of the class.

This is attained by the following:

- **Taking pride** in our self and our work under all circumstances. Take each opportunity provided to you to learn and grown.
- **Be committed** to all aspects of your writing.
- **Be prepared** every day. Success comes when preparation meets opportunity.
- **Be self disciplined** to do all that is required of you without reservation or hesitancy. Without being asked or receiving recognition, do what will help you and those around you.
- **Work Hard** you may be asked to step outside of your comfort zone and try different forms of writing.

Classroom Goals:

- Read a book of your own choosing.
- Create a portfolio.
- Step outside of our normal writing comfort zone.
- To become a better practitioner of grammar and punctuation.

Classroom Rules:

- Respect the rights of others
 - No Foul Language.
 - If it's not yours, do not touch unless directed to do so.
 - Everyone has the right to learn. Even if you don't think something is important or you already know the information, another student may feel otherwise. Give them the chance to learn and grow.
- There is no food, drink, gum, candy or anything in the classroom at any time. You may have a bottle of water with a lid.
- Clothing must follow the schools dress code.
- No Cell Phones, Ipods or MP3 players of any kind. If I see it, it is mine and the only way to get it back is to have a parent or guardian come get it.

Classroom Expectations:

- Students are expected to come to class prepared and with an open mind. This means having your own paper and writing utensils for notes, and assignments done in class.
- Show up to class on time.

- Be Self Disciplined. Do not rely on the person next to you for your part of the class from taking notes to typing out your assignments.
- Stay on task. Do not let others keep you from learning.
- If you miss class you are responsible for obtaining the notes from another student first. If you still do not understand them or have questions, talk to Mrs. Barclay for clarification. If you are ill and unable to participate in classroom activities be sure to talk to Mrs. Barclay BEFORE class has started.
- Raise your hand. Everyone needs the opportunity to ask questions and talk, be considerate of others around you.

Grades:

Every assignment, test, project, and activity is averaged into a grade/point value to come up with an assessment of the students work in class. Grades are not given, students earn them. You will not be graded on practice tests alone, attendance and effort play a part in your grade.

The ELA department's late work policy for assignments is as follows:

For each class day the assignment is late, a full letter grade (10%) will be taken off the total grade down to 50%. This means that a paper due Monday that is turned in the next time the class meets, which could be Wednesday, is now docked 10% off the total score. A paper that is five class days late or ten class days late is worth 50% of the total grade earned on the assignment. We understand that extenuating circumstances arise. Please communicate with teachers.

Attendance and Effort:

Students are expected to show up on time every day. (check your CHS planner for guidelines on missed days) Students can do make up work to bring up their grade, however late work will be marked down, and testing exercises done in class can not be made up. You must participate to get the points.

If you have any questions or ever need any help I am available before and after school in my office. You can also find me in the auditorium during my planning period. Do not come see me during class without a note from your teacher first!

Possible Creative Writing Portfolio Assignments:

Cover Sheets	Short Story with a Surprise Ending
Clippings #1, #2, & #3	Obituary
Cinquain Poem	Character Biography
Haiku Poem	Little Treasures Time Capsule
Seasons Poem	Comic Book Pages
Acrostic Poem	Children's Book
Letter to a Friend Poem	Writing Prompts
Collage and Riddle	Reading Log
One Word Story	Book Review