

Creative Thinking & Writing



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"Personal creativity is a valuable resource for individuals and teams involved in all industries. The utility in creativity is in finding new solutions, generating new ideas, and executing those solutions and ideas in ways that are different from what is expected or repeated. It is useful for artists, writers, and students, but also in science and business. Creativity is an elusive concept, but it can be nurtured and developed. Anyone at any creative level can develop the skills to generate more and better ideas."

This creative thinking and writing class will celebrate the creative mind, and challenge students to use their imagination to complete a variety of activities that include journal entries, writing a variety of short stories, poems, etc... Mini lessons will be taught and will include hands-on activities to make the writing process more enjoyable. Students need to bring to class an open-mind, originality, and creativity in order to make this a fun and meaningful experience.

Materials needed:

Composition book (100 pages)

Attendance:

Being in class is important for this elective since most of the assignments will be completed in class. If a student has absences, prearranged or unexpected, my website and agenda will help you know what you missed, and get you started on making up your work.

Grading:

You will be graded using formative and summative assessments. The formative part, which counts as 20% of your grade, will be from the daily writing that is completed in your composition book. The summative grade, which counts as 80% of your grade, will be from writing projects that will be given several times throughout the semester. You will be given a rubric for these assignments so it's clear what is expected. You and your parents are encouraged to check grades via Mistar regularly.

Homework:

Since this is an elective class, there won't be 'assigned' homework. A majority of the writing will be done in class. Any assignments that are not completed in class will be considered homework and are due the next class period, or on the due date given.

Citizenship marks:

Students are expected to come to class prepared to learn and participate. This includes bringing a writing utensil, composition book, and their computer. Unprepared students are not able to learn completely and it will lower their citizenship mark on their report card.

Communication & Class Agenda:

Agendas for this class can be found on my webpage: elmy.weebly.com Other useful resources can also be found by checking the "CTW" tab on my webpage. We will also be utilizing Google Classroom, so having your computer each day (fully charged) is a must.