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Creative Writing

2016/2017

This course focuses on writing creatively – freeing your imagination, while refining writing skills. You will read and create a variety of texts, including poetry, non-fiction pieces, graphic texts, genres of fiction, and podcasts. You will also write responses to journal prompts two or three times a week.

**Units of Study**

* Creative non-fiction
* Poetry
* Fractured fairy tales and myths
* The short story
* Satirical/humorous essays
* The graphic “novella”
* Personal stories/memoirs and podcasts

**Standards**

* **Informative/Explanatory Writing**

Students will write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately.

* **Speaking and Listening**

Students will participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions as well as present information conveying a clear and distinctive perspective.

* **Language Usage**

Students will demonstrate command of language, vocabulary, and conventions of Standard English.

**Grading**

* Projects/presentations – 50%
* Homework/Classwork – 40%
* Journal – 10%

**Classroom Expectations**

* Be on time: Be in your seat and ready to begin class by the time the bell rings.
* Be prepared: Bring your charged MacBook, a pen or pencil,

a notebook, any texts needed for the class, and completed homework.

* Be nice: Be respectful of all others in the classroom; allow others to speak and be heard; no objectionable language or snarkiness.
* Be focused on class: absolutely NO cell phone use in class, unless specifically directed. I WILL take your phone and keep it on my desk after the first warning and every time after.
* Practice academic integrity: Review WHS Academic Integrity Policy. Simply do not cheat.
* Come to class with a sense of humor, a creative spirit, and intellectual curiosity.