

Creative Thinking & Writing

7th & 8th Grade Elective

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OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

In this elective course, the students will be inspired to use their imaginations to complete a variety of activities that include journal entries, writing a variety of 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 an open mind, originality, and creativity to class 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, the teacher website and agenda will help students make up their work.

GRADING

Students will be graded using formative and summative assessments. The formative part, which counts as 20% of the grade, will be from the daily writing that is completed in the composition book. The summative grade, which counts as 80% of the grade, will be from writing projects that will be given several times throughout the semester. Students will be given a rubric for these assignments so

it's clear what is expected. Students and parents are encouraged to check grades through the grading program MiStar. If you have further questions regarding the grading policy, please contact me.

HOMWORK

Since this is an elective class there won't be a ton of 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 due the next class period. There may be homework assigned when a summative assessment writing project is given, however, students should have ample time in class to begin.

CITIZENSHIP MARKS

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

COMMUNICATION & CLASS AGENDAS

Any communication that goes home for this class will be done through MiStar announcements. Agendas for class can be found on the my website: bdavispathfinder.weebly.com