

WRITING
IS
THINKING

CREATIVE WRITING

Instructor:
Ms Lori Polydoros
lori.Polydoros@sa
usd.us

What to expect in Creative writing? We will..

- Often work in workshop format to examine elements of creative writing, poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction.
- Practice using our own writer's toolbox, including tone, diction, figurative language, detail, imagery, point of view, organization and syntax.
- give constructive feedback of other classmate's work.
- learn how to revise
- Read, read and read! (whole group, book clubs, and independent reading)
- Analyze successful authors and writing styles
- Participate in different types of field trips
- Have fun
- Publish our work!



Course Overview and Expectations:

Welcome to Creative Writing! Get ready to find your writer's voice...and to find a writer's tribe.

1. Have materials ready. Books, Writer's Notebook, charged Chromebook.
2. Be on time to class daily.
3. Be courteous and respectful toward classmates and others (substitute teachers, guests, etc.)
4. Come to class with an open mind. a willingness to learn & high expectations for yourself!
5. Maintain academic honesty. Sharing work, rephrasing ideas without citing, cutting and pasting material without attribution to the author, copying work, restating someone else's work, passing someone else's work as your own are just a few examples of academic dishonesty. Please show the champions of character that you are.
6. Make sure your cell phone is not a distraction

Assignments:

Assignments and skills build, so staying current with your work is crucial.

As for late work, please work to avoid it. Meeting deadlines is a skill that writers must have and will help you in high school and beyond, Ms. P will give you feedback on your work and have allotted certain time to do that.

When you are absent, please check the daily agenda slides before coming to class and work to complete any assignments you can during the absence. We are aware that emergencies may occur or other prohibiting circumstances may keep you from completing the occasional assignment on time, so please communicate with Ms. Polydoros if that occurs.

Don't let our writing tribe down!

Tests and Quizzes: A variety of assessments and types of assignments will be given in this class, from classroom presentations, to discussion participation, writing assignments, projects, and multiple choice quizzes.

Writing/Reading: This class revolves around reading & writing. Students should expect to read, write and revise often. Please have an open mind as we read text together, in small groups and books of your choice. Be willing to write in different genres, maybe something you've never written before. Growth takes time...be patient and don't give up!

Materials:

Bring materials to class daily.
These include:

- a) Your Writer's Notebook
- b) necessary readings complete
- c) completed individual assignments
- d) a charged Chromebook (headphones that are compatible with your Chromebook will help)

