



Creative Writing I Grand Haven High School



Course Number: B82
Grade Level: 9th-12th
Credits : .5 credits
Prerequisite Courses : None

Course Description

This class provides an opportunity for self-expression. The emphasis will be on learning techniques that will help students write more effective poems, short stories, short plays, and original essays. A wide variety of topics and assignments are meant to encourage and stimulate fresh ideas.

Course Objectives

By the end of the semester, students will:

- Learn and practice the techniques necessary to write fiction stories
- Learn and practice the elements necessary to write short one-act plays
- Learn and practice the tools necessary to write powerful poetry
- Learn and practice the connection between reading and writing, through a novel project
- Learn to use their imagination

Student Expectations

- Students are expected to write daily. This will be done through the use of a writer's notebook. Students are expected to practice the techniques discussed in class.
- Students are expected to participate in classroom discussions.
- Students are expected to engage in the writing process, including drafting and editing pieces.
- Students are expected to come to class on time and be prepared with a writing utensil and notebook.

Communication

Students are encouraged to use Parent Internet Viewer to view current grades.
Teacher contact information can be found on the school website at
<http://ghhs.ghaps.org/content/staff>

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Grading Policy

Grading scales can be found online in the Grand Haven High School Student Handbook. Creative Writing will be graded according to point accumulated throughout the trimester.

Grades will also be categorized and weighted. The categories and weights are as follows:

Major Writing Pieces and Writer's Notebook- 80%

In-Class Work and Homework - 20%

Scope and Sequence

The semester will include units on fiction, nonfiction, drama and poetry.

The semester will conclude with a final exam project.

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