



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

Creative Writing

2014-15

Course Description:

The course combines the discussion of writing strategies with the dissection of examples of quality creative writing in an effort to provide students with the tools they will need to develop as writers. Lessons will break down the essential elements of all genres of creative writing (plot, characters, dialogue, setting, etc.), help students identify effective uses of the elements in professional texts, and help students incorporate new strategies into their own writing.

Course Content:

The Basics of Creative Writing
Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction
Specific Genre Studies
Portfolio

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Though there is no formal textbook, selections representative of a variety of genres and styles will be determined at instructor's discretion.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to complete all reading assignments, all writing assignments, keep detailed notes regarding writing strategies, and build a writing portfolio leading to completion of the final project. Participation is mandatory and will be graded.

Grade Components/Assessments:

All assignments will be graded as expressed in the Southern Lehigh High School Handbook. Grades will be designated for assignments, assessments, and participation.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average. There is no midterm.

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There is no summer reading assignment for Creative Writing.