



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

Creative Writing 2013-2014

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
The Formal Elements of Creative Writing
Specific Genre Studies
Writing Longform
Beginning a Novel

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 (usually short stories), all writing assignments, keep detailed notes regarding writing strategies, and complete and final writing assignment, the first 20 pages of an original novel. Also, due to the exploratory nature of the course, 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 writing assignments, reading quizzes, writing exercises, and participation.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Midterm	10%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There is no required summer reading for Creative Writing.