

Writing Workshop Syllabus

6/13-8/3

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In this class, students will learn how to compose an essay, write narratives, write poetry, and read and write short stories. We will practice writing thesis statements, write small essays based on short articles, and use creative writing as a tool to artistically express ourselves while using proper grammar. This class will also provide a refresher course in English grammar, focusing on the parts of speech and rules for good syntax. Further, examples will be provided of good writing and poor writing, as well as common mistakes to avoid when creating any piece of writing. Over the course of this class, each student will focus on one major short story assignment due on the second to last day of class. When completed, this series of lessons should enable the student to better understand how good writing is exercised in a variety of topics and genres.

***All reading materials will be provided**

Schedule:

6/13 Monday: Review basic grammar rules and apply them in a short writing assignment

6/15 Wednesday: Read short story and write an analysis

6/20 Monday: Continue writing essay questions on short story

6/22 Wednesday: Read a poem and write an analysis

6/27 Monday Writing exercises; discuss short story due at the end of class

6/29 Wednesday: pair up with a classmate and exchange thoughts and share writing

7/4 Monday: Holiday

7/6 Wednesday: Read poem and write a short analytical response

7/11 Monday: Begin creative writing assignment

7/13 Wednesday: In class workshop for creative writing

7/18 Monday: Poem writing workshop

7/20 Wednesday: poem writing; practice

7/25 Monday: creative writing; practice

7/27 Wednesday: Workshop

8/1 Monday: Final short stories due

8/3 Wednesday: Class overview; review of short stories