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Creative Writing Course Syllabus 2008 – 2009

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Course Overview

This course focuses on writing as a form of artistic expression. The student will be exposed to the craft of fiction and non-fiction narrative, poetry, and screenwriting. The independent project required by each student will be comprised of various genres. The student will study the major elements of narrative writing as well as components of essay and poetry writing. The steps of the writing process and journaling will be examined and practiced. The student will also develop their skill to write expressively and creatively and practice their abilities to read strategically. The student will also be expected to practice the skills effective listening and speaking.

General Expectations

The student will be expected to read and write daily in and out of class.
The student will complete all assignments on time.
The student will be respectful of others and the differences of opinions.
Be on Time, Be Prepared, Be Creative, and Be Open to New Ideas.

Required Texts/Materials

1 spiral notebook
1 composition book
Pens/pencils

1 pocket folder
various teacher issued handouts/texts

Course Outline

Fall 2009- Spring 2010 (Creative Writing)

Unit 1: Playwriting: produce a one-act play

Unit 2: Short Fiction: produce a short story

Unit 3: Poetry: produce a poetry booklet

Unit 4: Memoir: produce a memoir

Unit 5: Screenwriting: produce mini-short films

Unit 6: Final Portfolio: Will focus on writing for a specific purpose.

Grading

Journals= 20%

Homework/quizzes =20%

Projects= 25%

Class participation = 10%

Final Portfolio= 25% of overall semester average

