

Writing
Course Syllabus
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Course Description:

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to work on their writing skills while thinking and writing creatively. My goal as the teacher of this course is to encourage you to master writing while learning to love it and to guide you as you hone your craft. Writing can teach, clarify, heal, excite, encourage, remind, inspire, and make the world a better place. This class is the beginning for you to be a poet, a free-lance writer, a story teller, an essayist, a non-fiction writer, or whatever you choose to become as a writer. There will be many options presented to you. If you make the effort to write in this class you are assured a very good grade.

Class Expectations: Everyone has the right to, and should expect to, learn. Each individual is worthy of respect. Classroom orderliness is necessary for an effective classroom. Hard work is necessary for learning. This course is being conducted as a college level course and your behavior will reflect that.

Class Materials: Students are expected to have a notebook and a folder that will be left in the classroom. Please be sure to always have a pen or pencil as this is a writing class and you will be writing!

Grading Policy

Classwork /Participation

Percentage

50

Writing Assignments

50

General Rule: Be on time, be prepared, be respectful and be responsible.

Course Requirements:

- Students are expected to attend every class and complete the assignment that is due that day. This will allow you the opportunity for the fullest participation, which, in turn, will have a positive effect on your learning and your grade.
- Students are expected to be in the classroom, prepared to learn on time.
- Lateness is unacceptable and frequent lateness, even with a pass, will result in loss of points for your overall grade.
- Classroom courtesy requires that you make every effort to not leave during class except for emergencies.
- Bullying or harassing another student in this classroom is inappropriate and unacceptable. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this behavior.

If a student disregards rules repeatedly they will be referred to the Dean for further disciplinary action.

Absences: A missed writing assignment can be made up during the week that we work on it. All writing assignments will be on Skedula. It is your responsibility to locate the assignment and make it up at home. If a student fails to make up work after an absence, that student will receive a ZERO for that assignment.

Late Work: Journals will be checked every Monday for the entries from the week before. Late work will be accepted with a deduction to the student's grade for only one week after the work is due. For each day that work is late 5 points will be deducted from the assignment. DO NOT TURN WORK IN LATE IF YOU EXPECT FULL CREDIT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT.

Extra Help: I will make myself available to you before and after school. There are plenty of opportunities for you to get the help you need. It is your responsibility to ask for that help. Anyone looking for extra help may see me or e-mail me to arrange a meeting place during those times.

You can reach me by email at cdeangelo1982@gmail.com at anytime. I check email frequently, so feel free to email me about any questions or problems you may be having in class. There should be no excuses for not having your best work done on time and not having your best attitude.

Parent/Guardian Communication: Your parents/guardians are an integral part of your education, and I am pleased to speak with guardians at any time. Any parent/guardian who would like to discuss a child's progress should email me at cdeangelo1982@gmail.com.

Plagiarism: Is the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author/person and the representation of them as one's own original work. My policy is that any student who plagiarizes an assignment will fail that assignment and possibly the course. There is NO option for resubmission or re-grading of said assignment.