

L.A. Ainger Middle School
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7th Grade Creative Writing
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Greetings to all of my students and parents! I am incredibly honored and excited to be teaching the *new* Creative Writing elective that is being offered at L.A. Ainger this year. Over the course of the semester, students will develop and use writing and language skills for creative expression in a variety of literary forms. Students will be exposed to and will be tasked to model from a variety of short literary collections, including poetry, one-act plays, short stories, and memoirs

With the reintroduction of state-administered written tests this year, my goal for this course is to inspire students to find value and enjoyment in producing their own writing, as well as improving their grammar, organization, and collaboration skills to meet state standards. Let's have a wonderful year together!

In this class, students will...

- **study** of a variety of short literary collections, including poetry, one-act plays, short stories, and memoirs to practice or identify:
 - the use of figurative, denotative, and connotative language
 - identifying and applying story structure, poetic forms, and creative pacing techniques
 - the reciprocal nature of content and form
- **write** for varied purposes and in varied genres, including:
 - personal and dramatic narratives
 - various poetic forms
 - plays and multimedia productions
 - multi-genre and creative nonfiction selections
 - digital writing platforms
 - collaboration amongst peers, especially regarding peer reviews of multiple drafts

Academic Assessment: Grading will be based on a combination of the following:

- Projects
- Writing
- Notebook checks
- Class participation and collaboration

Supplies Needed: i. TWO 1-Subject Notebooks (Wide Rule) ii. A Sharpened Pencil

Late Work: If work is not turned in on time, a grade of zero (marked as NHI) will be temporarily entered until the work is turned in and graded. If absent, the student will need to check the “Absent?” bulletin board to look for missed work with the students name on it. Work will be located in the class period folder. Students will have one week to finish and return any missed work before the grade is finalized.