

## **Creative Writing - Class Syllabus**

Category: Communication

Grade Levels: 6–12

Format: Online (Google Classroom)

*Note: This will be a different Google Classroom than the one used by your mentor. The class code will be emailed the week before class starts.*

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### **Instructor Information**

- Instructor: Mark Ring
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- Qualifications:
  - Michigan Teacher Certification
  - Certified in English, Film, and Drama (Grades 6–12)

### **Course Description**

This 8-week online course is designed to enhance your creative writing skills through a series of fun and engaging writing exercises. You'll explore various styles and formats, including vignettes, flash fiction, and playwriting. Each week introduces a new focus to help develop your voice as a writer.

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## Schedule and Structure

- Start Date: Monday, September 8
  - End Date: Sunday, November 2
  - Frequency: Once a week (asynchronous)
  - Weekly Commitment: Minimum 2 hours
  - Total Time Requirement: 16 hours
  - Assignment Posting: Mondays (weekly)
  - Deadline: One week to complete each task
  - Location: Google Classroom (code will be emailed)
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## Weekly Schedule

Week	Dates	Writing Units
1	Sept 8 – Sept 14	Welcome & About the Author
2	Sept 15 – Sept 21	Vignettes
3	Sept 22 – Sept 28	Vignettes
4	Sept 29 – Oct 5	Flash Fiction / Short Stories
5	Oct 6 – Oct 12	Flash Fiction / Short Stories
6	Oct 13 – Oct 19	Playwriting
7	Oct 20 – Oct 26	Playwriting
8	Oct 27 – Nov 2	Final Reflection

*Note: A vignette is a short, descriptive passage that captures a specific moment in time.*

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## **Assessment & Expectations**

- Participation: Active weekly participation is required.
- Assignment Submission: Students must submit work each week and respond to the instructor's feedback.
- Make-Up Work: Missed assignments should be made up promptly unless there is an emergency.
- Quality of Work: Effort and engagement are just as important as writing skills.

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## **Class Policies**

- Be consistent with weekly participation.
  - Complete and turn in all writing assignments on time.
  - Communicate with the instructor if you fall behind or have questions.
  - Creativity and willingness to explore new writing styles are encouraged.
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