

Fishers High School
Creative Writing
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Course Description

- Welcome to Creative Writing! This introductory course has been designed to help students explore the creative process through writing. This is a workshop course so there will be a lot of experimental work in class, a variety of assignments that encourage you to try new things, and a focus on developing your own, unique writing style. Collaboration, revision and enthusiasm are the keys to success in this course, so please bring a positive attitude to class each day.

About the Instructor

- Ms. Ripley grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from Purdue with a degree in Professional Writing. She worked in the Creative Department at Bradley and Montgomery ad agency for 2 years before becoming a teacher.

Supplies

- **Electronic Device:** Please bring a charged device with Wifi access daily. Phones are not acceptable!
- **Writing Utensils:** A pen or pencil is required every day.
- **Organizational System:** You must keep track of your own notes, but you may choose a system that works best for you. Store your class notes in a binder, notebook, paper folder, or computer space.

Units of Study

Unit 1 Memoir	Unit 2 Poetry	Unit 3 Short Stories	Unit 4 Drama	Throughout the Semester
"Zoom" in on a single moment and capture a variety of emotional beats	Focus on description, sound and imagery techniques	Use plot progression, theme and an original writing style	Introduce elements of drama, dialogue and character development	Grammar instruction, reading example texts, short writing assignments

Major Assignments

- Memoir
- Poem
- Short Story
- One Act Play
- Socratic Seminar
- Final Portfolio