

David Crockett High School

Creative Writing I

Teacher: Ed Ball

Content

Unit One: Discovering the Writer Within

- Attitude
- Work Habits
- Keeping a Journal
- How to Get Started
- Point of View
- Originality
- Language
 - Diction
 - Figurative Language
 - Style

Unit Two: Exploring Poetry

- Elements of Poetry
 - Alliteration
 - Assonance
 - Metaphor
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Repetitions
 - Rhyme
 - Rhythm
 - Etc.
- Types of Poetry
 - Haiku
 - Cinquain
 - Concrete Poem
 - Sonnet
 - Villanelle
 - Found Poem
 - Etc.
- Reading/Dissecting Poetry
 - Time will be spent analyzing various poems in order to produce quality poems in the various forms discussed

Unit Three: Exploring Creative Nonfiction

- Elements of Creative Nonfiction
 - Setting
 - Descriptive imagery,
 - Figurative language
 - Plot
 - Character
- Types of Creative Nonfiction
 - Literary Journalism
 - Memoir
 - Personal Essay

Four: Exploring Children's Books

- Analyze/evaluate works of children's literature.
- Plan, write, illustrate, and "publish" their own children's picture books.
- Review a story written by a peer as a part of a panel discussion.

Unit Five: Exploring The Short Story

- Elements of Fiction
 - Narration
 - Characterization
 - Effective Dialogue
 - Beginnings and Endings
- Reading/Dissecting Short Fiction
 - Time will be dedicated to analyzing various short stories in order to strengthen the students' understanding of various story-telling techniques.