

## **Class Syllabus: Intro to Creative Writing - Mr. Tanabe**

**Course Description:** In this class we will explore the wonderful world of writing, practicing various writing exercises designed to tap into your imagination and help you to discover or refine your voice. We will undertake writing personal, nonfiction narratives, fictional narratives, descriptive essays, and poetry.

- This is a CREATIVE WRITING CLASS - we will be pushing the proverbial envelope to constantly try out new ideas that may not have occurred to us before. This is a **good** and **exciting** thing. Anything is possible, so remember to be **OPEN** and **RECEPTIVE** to new ideas.
- This class will not be **rigorous** in the traditional sense - there will be very little homework and fewer tests - but you will be writing *a lot*. Please come to class prepared.
- In this class we embrace **diversity** and **change**. We are here to teach and learn from each other and **respect** one another. It is a **balance** that must be recognized *at all times*.

Here's what you'll need:

- A **spiral notebook** in which you will compose all of your writing in a well-organized fashion. This notebook will constitute a significant portion of your grade every six weeks, and for the semester as well. These will be kept in the classroom.
- A **writing utensil** such as a pen or pencil. Feather quill pens optional, but not recommended (ink wells can be messy). Please, no brightly colored ink. Blue and black are best; think bruises.
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### **Deadlines & Make-up Work**

Assignments will all be in-class compositions to be due at the end of each week. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check the class webpage for assigned work and complete it as homework. (mrtsonlineclassroom.weebly.com)

### **Grading**

Grading will be based on completion of work and in-class participation. Standard grading scales will be used for a culmination of number scores to produce a letter grade:

A: 90% - 100%

B: 80% - 89%

C: 70% - 79% .....and so on.

### **Behavior**

Fellow consideration and respect will be observed at all times. Any threatening or unsafe behavior from anyone will result in teacher conferencing. Should the behavior continue to be an issue, school administration and parents will be notified. Let's just keep it cool, folks. We are all in this together.

### **Contact**

To voice questions, comments, or concerns, by all means please email me at <[mtanabe@willamette.edu](mailto:mtanabe@willamette.edu)> or find me in room 137 after school.

Please visit my online classroom at [mrtsonlineclassroom.weebly.com](http://mrtsonlineclassroom.weebly.com) for your academic calendar, grades, syllabus, assignments, and topic discussions. I will be posting forum discussions in which you may participate for extra credit, so make it a habit to come see what's new.