

Creative Writing Summer Assignment 2019

This assignment is due on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Any late submissions will receive an automatic 50% deduction.

This class focuses on exposure as well as practice. That means you will be reading *and* writing on a weekly basis. To prepare, you are required to complete the following two-part assignment over summer break:

PART 1: Read a novel or short story of your choice. Write a one-page reflection of what you like about it (genre, writing style, etc.) as well as how it may inspire your own writing. Be sure to include the title of the book or story in your reflection. Your reflection must be thoughtful and ORIGINAL. If I determine you have plagiarized this assignment, you will receive no credit.

STUDENTS WHO ARE ALSO TAKING AP LANG: You must write a personal reflection about *To Kill a Mockingbird* for Part 1. You are required to complete Part 2 as well.

PART 2: Create a journal. Start with a brand new one that appeals to you. It will be your journal for the school year and it needs to be unique to you. Use it ONLY for your creative writing. **I will be using a bullet journal, so you might be interested in getting one too; however, any journal or notebook will do.** You are welcome to choose to decorate a spiral notebook or buy a fancy leather-bound journal – that’s entirely up to you. Just make sure your notebook/journal has at least 100 pages. You will use it throughout the year.

Create a heading for each entry (date, title, etc.) and leave space between the entries (so each is distinct). For each entry, write at least half a page. *If the pages of your notebook are smaller than a spiral notebook, you should fill the whole page as shown in the example below.*

You will be required to make TWO entries **per week** over the summer. You must have a minimum of 20 entries when we return to school.

All of your entries must be different. Here are some ideas to help you:

Dreams

Overheard conversations

A list of the signs of summer

Observations – of people, events, etc.
Your response to a piece of music or a film or a story
A rough draft of a letter
Quotations from something you're reading
A memory
A few lines of a poem
A fantasy conversation
Description of something in nature
Character description
Free write/stream of consciousness

Example journal entry:

